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100 observers for Algerian election

CAIRO (AFP) — Around 100 Arab League, U.N. and Organisa calko (AFF) — Around the Arah Ceague, C.N. and Organisa-tion of African Unity (OAU) observers are to supervise Algeria's presidential election in November. Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammad Salech Dembir said here Friday. "The Arab League has already agreed to send between 30 and 40 observers, a U.N. mission has already come, and another from the OAU is to travel to Algiers in the next few days." he told AFP. "We are to sign a protocol with the three organisations and there will be 100 to 120 observers in all," he said, noting that they would not be sent to help but only to observe. "There will be a free election and our basis for the vote will be the resolution of the interparliamentarian union which defines certain conditions for holding free elections."

Dembri said. He said 15.000 reservists would be mobilised to maintain order during the elections. "But I can assure you that there is no question of putting a soldier behind every curtain" in the polling stations, he added.

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية ،الراي،

Lebanon controls travel of Palestinians

BEIRUT (AFP) - Lebanon announced steps on Friday to control the movement of Palestinians leaving and entering the country, following the expulsions from Libya. For the first time, Palestinians nians who want to travel abroad must first secure an exit visa and a reentry permit. The new Interior Ministry measures affect all Palestinian refugees who entered Lebanon in 1948 and their families who hold Lebanese travel documents: The authorities earlier this month, fearing a massive influx of Palestinians expelled from Libya (see page 12), imposed visa restrictions even for returning Palestinians with Lebanese travel documents. An exception was made for those living in Syria. The Interior Ministry on Friday also scrapped the visa restrictions for Palestinians who have been out of Lebanon only since June t, but not before that date. This will allow those on holiday abroad to return.

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GIA suspect sent to France

pected leader of Algeria's hardline militant Armed Islamic Group (GIA) was extradited from Germany in France on Friday at the request of an anti-terrorist jodge, reliable sources said. Thirty-three-year-old Ali Chami, believed to be the group's leader in Germany, was arrested there on March 30 accused of supplying arms to fundamentalist militants in Algeria. His extradition was requested by French Magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere, who is due to charge him in connection with a support inetwork uncovered by French detectives in March. He arrived in Paris under armed police escort Friday morning, the sources said.

China accepts U.S. envoy nomination

WASHINGTON (R) - China has agreed to the candidate the United States wishes to nominate for ambassador to Beijing, a post vacant for some months amid Sino-U.S. tensions, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said on Friday. The administration has not publicly named the candidate, but U.S. officials confirmed it is formet Teunessee Senator James Sasser.

Syria blames Israel for hijacking

DAMASCUS (AFP) - An official Syrian newspaper on Friday accused Israel of organising the hijacking of an Iranian plane to the Jewish state earlier this week. "All the information on the landing of the Iranian plane in Israel proves that the hijacking was prepared in Israel, which boped to attract support for its regional policies," charged Al Thawra. It argued political asylum in Israel, the delay in releasing the plane and questioning of passengers "all contradict Israel's claim of humanitarian" concerns. "Neither Saudi Arabia nor Jordan have reported any request to land from the plane, which Israel should have allowed to take off again immediately after the arrest of the hijacker," an air steward. Al Thawra said (see page 12)

Three killed as jet hits glider

PARIS (AFP) — Three people were killed when a jet on a training flight collided with a glider in southeastern France on Friday, an airforce statement said. An airforce trainer and his pupil, and the civilian pilot of the glider were killed in the accident near the town of Forcalquier i tw part off times: in the Vancluse region, the statement added. It said the airforce plane was a Fongain lander. magister, on a training flight from the Salon de Provence west and the state that the airforce base in southern patricia de la material France. It collided with the $_{(a,b)(a)},\ w]$ glider shortly before 3:00 p.m. local time. "An inquiry is under way to determine the causes of the accident." the

3 foreigners beheaded in S. Arabia

DUBAI (R) — The number of public beheadings this year in Saudi Arabia rose to more than 170 after the kingdom on Friday executed three foreigners found guilty of smuggling heroin. The Interior Ministry said in state-The second secon ments carried by the official Saudi Press Agency that the Walter and the Mark three men, two Pakistanis And the public of the public o and a Chadian, were be-The Lattice Back Smooth headed by the sword in the A state of the property of the state of the Red Sea city of Jeddah. Saudi Carta to the take of the base Atabia in 1987 added drug The transfer of the second of sunuggling to its list of capital A Company of the Comp crimes which includes rape, tory the district his and the control of the contro murder and violent robbeties. Executions have been on a steep rise in the kingdom drug-related cases involving mainly defendance this year due to an increase in Control of the state of the sta The day of the part of the par Indian sub-continent and The state of the s Africa, diplomats say. they According to an unofficial Contraction Investigation Williams count at least 176 criminals had been executed in Saudi Arabia this year compared with 53 the previous year,

some 85 were executed in

Gulf states understand Jordan's stand in all dimensions – Kabariti

'Ministers are comfortable with Jordan's positions on regional issues, including Iraq' Foreign minister returns from Cairo meetings Arab council fails to agree on code of honour

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti said Friday that the contacts he had with his counterparts. attending an Arab League meeting in Cairo had cleared ambiguities and that all of them expressed great comfort ovet Jordan's positions towards various regional issues, including the situation in

Mr. Kabariti, in a statement to the Jordan Times after his return from Cairo following the meeting which ended late Thursday, said: The foreign ministers from the Gulf states now understand the Jordanian position in all its dimensions.

Mr. Kabariti, who held talks with his counterparts from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Svria, described his meeting with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal as very warm and fruitful.

Mr. Kabariti, who re-turned home Friday after the Arab League meeting, said: "The meeting demons-trated that Jordanian-Saudi telations will not be affected

Mr. Kabariti added that he and Prince Saud agreed to continue contacts and that

the Sandi minister would visit Jordan on his way bome after attending U.N. General Assembly meetings next

Mr. Kabariti said his meeting with bis Kuwaiti counterpart, Sbeikb Sabab Al Ahmad Al Sabah, was friendly, "although it did not come up with tangible results in terms of charting a path for future Jordanian-Kuwaiti re-

However, he said, the two sides agreed to continue dialogue and expand channels of

Kabariti denies Al Siyassah comments

FOREIGN MINISTER Abdul Karim Al Kabariti has said that the statements attributed to him by the Kuwaiti daily Al Siyassah were distorted and not precise at all, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra,

In a statement to Petra, Mr. Kabariti, who was in Cairo to attend meetings of the Arab League Council, dismissed the statements attributed to him, saying that he had made no statements in his interview with Al Siyassah relating to the future of Iraq, on changing the Iraqi regime, or anything related to Lieutenant General Hussein Kamel. who defected to Jordan in August.

iti did not rule out the resumption of full diplomatic relations between Jordan and

communications. Mr. Kabar-

"We talked about restoring relations" as well as "reopening embassies, but the subject was still premature," Mr. Kabariti bad said late Thursday, adding their talks had been serious and "Jordan was keen to restore relations with Kuwait.

Sheikh Sabah had also confirmed Kuwait would take part in the Middle East and North Africa economic summit to be held in Amman at the end of October, the Kuwaiti embassy in Cairo

Mr. Kabariti said bis meeting with Syrian Foteign Ministet Faronk Al Sharaa was characterised by "com-plete openness and frank-ness," with both sides presenting their view on intet-Arab telations, regional cooperation programmes, Arab solidarity and peacebuilding in the Middle East.

Mr. Kabariti stressed the importance of holding a meeting of Arab ministers taking part in the Barcelona European-Mediterranean sammit in November to build a partnership with Europe.

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1 I_K MIRACLE' FRENZY: A Hindu worshipper offers a spoonful of milk to the elephant-headed Lord Ganesha at a Hong Kong temple. Reports that statues of Hindu gods were miraculously 'drinking' milk offered by devotees have sent Hindus around the world into a frenzy (see story on page 12)

Iran urges army to be alert as it marks war anniversary

TEHRAN (Agencies) — President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani ordered the army on Friday to stay alert against foreign threats, as Tehran staged a military parade on the 15th anniversary of the start of the Iran-Iraq

Mr. Rafsanjani did nbt attack Iraq directly but "all those supporting Baghdad" during the 1980-1988 war, notably the United States.

"It is essential for our forces to maintain vigilance because our enemies are not intelligent enough to learn from their defeat." he said. Both Iran and Iraq claim victory in the war, which ended with a ceasefire in August 1988.

Mr. Rafsanjani renewed his condemnation of a U.S. economic embargo against Iran, which Washington accuses of supporting international terrorism and seeking to develop nuclear weapons

"The United States is childish enough to believe that it can bring us to our knees with its embargo, but no force can ever subdue Iran," the president said.

"We know how ignorant this kind of thinking is ... which has brought nothing but disgrace to the Americans," he said.

Mr. Clinton imposed the sanctions, tightening economic restrictions already in place, in a bid to force Iran to abandon its alleged pursuit of nuclear weapons and support for international terrorism.

But the Iranians have boasted that Washington has failed to persuade its allies. mainly Western Europe and Japan, to take similar measures against the oil-rich republic.

Mr. Rafsanjani charged that the hijacking of an Iranian airliner to Israel on Tuesday (see page 12) was yet another attempt to "weaken the Islamic republic, just like the American embargo." It was the first time a large

military patade was staged for the war anniversary. The parade came as tranjan leaders threatened with international isolation step up calls for resistance against foreign 'plots.'

Apart from the U.S. embargo, Iran also faces growing Western influence in crisis and tension-ridden neighbouring regions like the Middle East. Afghanistan and the Caucasus. "In the face of mounting

perils, the military parade clearly amounts to a warning to the Islamic republic's enemies inside and outside the country." a European ambassador said.

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Multilateral panel agrees to set up regional security centre in Jordan Egyptian delegate registers reservation

By Caroline Faraj Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Representatives of 20 countries — except Egypt — attending the meetings of the working group on atms control and regional security setup by the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process, on ting up a regional security centre to be based in Am-

At the conclusion of the two-day meeting, participants stressed the need for such a centre and called for establishing it before the end of this year.

Egypt was the only country. to object to this on the grounds that it was not the right time for establishing such a centre. Egypt's chief delegate was quoted as saying that he was acting upon instructions from his govern-

The majority of participants, in addition to the U.S. and Russia, co-sponsors of

the peace process — also agreed to the establishment of two sub centres. one in Doha and the other in Tunis, pending the agreement of the Tunisian government.

Commenting on the decision. Abdullah Touqan, scientific advisor of His Majesty King Hussein, said the working groups decision would become final after it was endorsed by the special working group on arms control and regional security.

Dr. Tougan said once the final decision was passed, the centre would be established before end of 1995. Dr. Tougan said the centre's main objective was to support the Middle East peace efforts and to achieve regional secur-

ity and stability.

Egypt based its reservation on grounds relating to the timing. The Head of the Egyptian delegation said Politically it is not the right time to set up such a centre.

"However, experts responded by saying that the meeting was mainly called to work out a draft charter for

the centre in addition to discussing the administrative and financial aspects in-

One participant said the Egytian position might have been based on considerations related to the centre's proposed headquarters rather than on the timing. Egypt's called for expanding the centre's objectives to include the establishment of a region free from nuclear arms and arms of massive destruction.

Responding to the Egyptian proposal, experts stressed that the Egyptian proposal falls under the procedures rather than the objectives.

Participants proposed the creation of a board of directors grouping heads of the delegations who opt to join the centre in addition to representatives of the U.S. and Russia to supervise the cen-

The Egyptian delegation suggested that the centre be directly linked with the special working group, and that this group supervise the cen-

Bosnia front stabilises; mixed signals on peace

ZAGREB (Agencies) — The United Nations said on Friday that the front lines in north-western Bosnia had apparently stabilised though fighting was still quite brisk in one area.

"It would appear that the Ozreu salient is still fairly active," said U.N. military spokesman Major Don Roy, briefing reporters on Thurs-day's fighting. He said artillery and rock-

ets had been used, with 750 detonations reported south of Doboj, which lies at the north end of the spur of previously Serb-beld terri-The Bosnian army has re-

ported taking ground from the Bosnian Serbs in Ozren, west of Tuzia, over the past few days, though Mr. Roy stressed that these gains were unconfirmed. Mr. Roy said U.N. obser-

vers were still being denied access to the front lines in north-western Bosnia, where Bosnian Croat, government and Croatian regular forces captured an estimated 4,000 square kilometres of territory in two weeks.

Mr. Roy acknowledged that the United Nations could not be sure what was going on front lines, but added: "It appears to us, with all the information we can gather, that the line bas sort of stabilised, with no direct advances.

"The line has not moved

greatly in the last 36-48 hours.

Mr. Roy said there bad been exchanges of small-arms fire between Croatian and Bosnian Serb forces across the Una River, which marks a stretch of the Bosnia-

Croatia border on Thursday. Croatian army units, which took part in the offensive against the Serbs, continued to pull back from the border area on Thursday, he said.

Bosnian government and Croat troops who grabbed vast chunks of land from rebel Serbs in recent days were so poorly coordinated that when they met on the battlefield they shot at each other for more than an hour. sources said.

The poor military cooperation during last week's offensive was just one aspect of a troubled alliance between Muslims and Croats that President Alija Izetbegovic

of Bosnia and President Franjo Tudiman of Croatia discussed again Friday. Neither men spoke to reporters after the talks, and media were kept away. But a source close to the Bosnian delegation said the two hoped to smooth the often rocky partnership between

Bosnia's Muslims and Croats and relations between the two groups in territory captured from the Setbs innorthern and western Bosnia. Miranda Sidran, a Bosnian

embassy spokeswoman, said

only that the two discussed 'how to furtber improve their cooperation."

In Banja Luka, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said bis forces would retaliate against the Muslim-Croat army defensive and re-

conquer lost Serb territory.
"We bave stopped this offensive and we will try to liberate some of these traditional Serb territories," Mr. Karadzic told reporters in the Serb strongbold of Banja Luka, towards which Muslim and Croat forces have pushed over the past two weeks.

Milan Milutinovic, foreign minister of the rump Yugoslavia (Setbia and Montenegro), said in Paris the war in former Yugoslavia is nearing its end and most issues have been settled.

"Eighty to 90 per cent of the issues are already the subject of agreement' on the basis of the declaration of principle adopted in Geneva on Sept. 8, he said in an interview with AFP the day after talks with French lead-

The Geneva declaration was endorsed by Bosnia, Croatia and the rump Yugoslavia as well as the five nation (Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States) contact group.

The territorial gains in the west by the joint Croatian-Muslim offensive "very near-

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accord by another day

TABA (Agencies) - After promising a quick windup to their talks Friday on broadening Palestinian autonomy, Israeli and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) delegates argued for hours until it was too late to conclude the pact before the Jewish Sabbath began at sundown. Israeli Foreign Minister

Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said they could not reach agreement and would resume negotiations after the Sabbath ends on Saturday night. "We are sure we will con-

tinue our negotiations to finish it in the next few hours tomorrow night." Mr. Arafat Mr. Peres said he had to halt negotiating with the start

of the Sabbath, when religious Jews eschew all work. He also said the negotiations would reopen after sundown Saturday. We have worked very hard together, solving many problems - very difficult and

complicated problems." he said. "Actually I am saying we have agreed on the nature of the problems, but there are still other problems that we have to resolve." Israeli reports said hitches

arose over PLO demands to set a timetable for when Israel would release some 6.000 Palestinian prisoners and deciding the exact size of the autonomous zone around the West Bank city of Jericho.

Both issues were left over from the Cairo accord of May 1994 that granted autonomy to the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Mr. Arafat's spokesman

said in the morning that the accord was wrapped up after six straight nights of negotiations and even set a time for any ininalling ceremony. But in the afternoon he said major differences remained to be settled, pre-

venting completion of the

agreement before sundown

Mr. Kanafani cited PLO demands and unfinished work on five major issues: — The 6,000 Palestinian prisoners. The PLO wants

Israel and PLO put off

dates and numbers for re-- The boundaries of the autonomous zone of Jericho. which the PLO wants to

expand. - A detailed map showing Israel and Palestinian areas in

 The completion of an annex on legal issues. - Israeli and PLO legal experts still have to read through all 400 pages together as well as annexes

and maps.

We will wait until we have an agreement." Mr. Kanafani told reporters. It was not clear if the PLOhad tried to extract further concessions after announcing.

they were about to initial the 400-page document or if Israel had raised objections. Mr. Peres had added to expectations saying. "Everything is wrapped up... apart from a few minor points which are in the process of

being settled. He hoped the ceremony would take place at the hotel in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba before the Sab-

"It will be presented officially to the cabinet on Sunday." Mr. Peres said. "It will be signed at the end of next week (in Washington) if it is initialled today as sche-

The agreement is to detail Israeli military redeployment outside Palestinian population areas on the West Bank. the handing over of civilian powers and elections to an

autonomy council. "We have achieved good results." he said. as officials prepared a large room fot the initialling ceremony.

Mr. Peres gave some details of the agreement. including shared control of Hebron, which had been the main stumbling-block.

Rabin had decided to build a by-pass around Hebron -where 400 settlers live among, 120,000 Palestinians. to im-

prove security for Israelis. There will be a special arrangement for the Jews and their houses (in Hebron). The Jews will still be protected by the army on a milit-

arv level. On a civilian level, they will remain Israeli citizens but will be under the Hebron municipality. "There will be joint patrols

in one or two places in Heb-ron after the redeployment." Mr. Peres said. The two sides had agreed on "joint management of wa-ter resources." but Israel will keep control of the electricity grid for the first three months

while further negotiations take place. No date has been fixed for autonomy elections, which Mr. Peres predicted could

take six months. A ministerial committee was set up to fix release dates for some of the Palestinian The committee - Palestinian Cooperation Minister

Nabil Shaath, Israeli Police

Minister Moshe Shahal and

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid — met in occupied Jerusalem Friday. Mr. Shahal said Friday that Israel would not release Palestinians convicted of kill-

ing Israelis. Palestinian Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein said he expected a public outcry if the PLO signed an autonomy agreement without a deal on the prisoners. We expect demonstra-

tions tomorrow in Gaza and

the West Bank and even a lot

of problems in the jails themselves. This is very important." Mr. Abu Medein said. Mr. Sarid said he was certain the Palestinians would initial the agreement even of the prisoners' issue was not

resolved Friday.

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Ciller in search for new coalition

ANKARA (R) — Prime Minister Tansu Ciller to get down on Friday to trying to form a new coalition govern-ment out of Turkey's fractious political parties, two days after she broke up the last one by resigning.

"The prime minister will meet with the DYP (True Path Party)'s general administration council today," an official from Ms. Ciller's

office told Reuters. Ms. Ciller leads the DYP.
DYP Deputy Chairman
Rifat Serdaroglu told Turkish
television earlier Ms. Ciller would try to meet other party leaders, beginning with the leader of the main opposition, as soon as possible.

She has said she wants to avoid early elections to continue pushing ber policy agenda. But the main opposition Motherland Party (ANAP) has already staked out a contrary position, saying it would only enter an agreement that led to early

polls.
The Turkish markets recovered equilibrium early on Friday after the turmoil of the last two days that saw big drops in shares after the coalition collapsed.

Ms. Ciller was asked by President Suleyman Demirel on Thursday night to form a new government following her resignation the day before. She quit in a rift over domestic security issues with the Social Democrats, under new leader Deniz Baykal, ending the wobbly coalition between them and ber con-

servative DYP. Istanbul's stock index gained 1.29 per cent by midday to reach 41,159.85 in buying in a continuation of a strong rebound that began on Thursday. The Turkish lira stood at around 47,880 to the dollar from 48,120 at Thurs-

enact reforms needed to im-

prove the country's human

rights situation, amnesty in-

rights organisation said Tur-

key's record would be under

scrunity because of the European Parliament's discussions

in October about proposed

customs union with Turkey.

Amnesty International

listed three key reforms it

said would signal beginnings

of serious change in Turkey:

Reform of a law that

punishes "separatist prop-

aganda" with imprisonment:

prompt access to legal coun-

sel for those in custody, and

shortening of the maximum

The London-based human

ternational said Thursday.

Mr. Serdaroglu said Ms. Ciller was likely to first approach ANAP leader Mesut Yilmaz, whose centre-right party has been seen as a better coalition partner than

the Social Democrats.
"Of course she will meet Yilmaz first, because they (ANAP) have the most seats in parliament after DYP," be

The DYP has 182 seats in the 450-seat parliament, ANAP has 96 and the Social Democrats have 65 seats. Mr. Yilmaz bas virtually

ruled out forming a lasting coalition with Ms. Ciller over the issue of when elections sbould take place: "An ANAP-DYP government un-til normal election time is the least likely possibility — virtually zero per cent," be told private ATV television late on Thursday.

Ms. Ciller has repeatedly said early elections would be a mistake and vowed to press on with the policy agenda of ber 27 months in power — customs union with Europe, a Turkey-bound Caspian oil pipeline, privatisation and democracy reforms. She says the economics of

elections would damage her 1994 austerity plan, brought in to quell a fiscal crisis. The Turkish media is speculating that Ms. Ciller could form alliances with the smaller liberal and nationalist par-

If she gets nowhere with ANAP, Ms. Ciller could forego a coalition and try to rule in a minority government with the support of a small far-right party.

But many senior politicians, including Parliament Speaker Husamettin Cindoruk, and newspaper columnists say a minority gov-ernment is the least viable alternative.

Turkey in line with interna-

tional human rights instru-ments ratified by Turkey,"

Amnesty said in a news re-

criticism, some members of

the government, as well as

community, have begun

cautiously to acknowledge

the extent of torture, 'dis-

appearance' and extrajudicial

execution," Amnesty said.

It said two of the above

reforms were included in re-

commendations by the hu-

man rights committee

attached to the Turkish prime

minister's office, which found

that police were "systemati-

"In the face of bitter public

on Friday.

They said the guerrilla was **Amnesty urges Turkey** to implement reforms LONDON (A) — The Turkish government has failed to al steps would help bring.

non occupation zone.

The hills used by Hizbollah (Party of God) as a spring-board for attacks against the border strip were targeted by Israeli air force jets on Thurs-day in an air raid but no one

The air attack was in apparent retaliation for the killing of one Israeli soldier and the wounding of seven others in Hizbollah attacks this week.

A Hizbollah spokesman said the fighter, a member of the Islamic Resistance, Hizbollah's armed wing, was kil-led when Israeli artillery rained 155-millimetre shells on Birket Jabbour and Jabel Abou Rached, in the western



QOURIEA ILL: Palestinian chief negotiators Ahmad Qouriea (Abu Alaa) is carried on a stretcher early Friday to an ambulance in Taba after he collapsed suffering from 'exhaustion' during marathon talks with Israel on expanding Palestinian self-rule (see page one). Mr. Qouriea was discharged from hospital later Friday (AFP photo)

Israeli shelling kills Hizbollah guerrilla

RASHAYA (R) — One pro-lranian Hizbollab militant was killed in Israeli sbelling of gnerrilla-beld bills in southeastern Lebanon overnight, security sources said

killed when more than 55 heavy artillery shells slammed between midnight and early morning into the Mashghara and 'Ain Al Tineh heights north of the eastern sector of Israel's South Leba-

was burt.

U.S. supports conditional Iraqi entry into disarmament group

GENEVA (USIA) — The United States has recommended that a decision by the Conference on Disarmament (CD) to admit in principle 23 new members take effect immediately, but it has set a single condition — that proposed new member Iraq notbe given the right of veto while it remains subject to U.N. Security Council sanctions,

"The United States thinks that is a fairly logical prohibi-tion," said Ambassador Stepben J. Ledogar, leader of the U.S. delegation to the

"Iraq would not be permitted, so long as they remained subject to U.N. Security, Council comprehensive enforcement measures, to stand up and say, 'No, we don't want the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to go forward,' or, 'We don't want otner future measures to take effect'," Mr. Ledogar said.

In its decision on Thursday, the Conference on Disarmament adopted a report recommending the admission of Austria, Bangladesb, Belarus, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Finland. Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Slovakia, South

Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

But the CD did not set a date for their admission, stating simply that the selected countries will all assume conference membership together at the earliest possible date to be decided by the conference and that the situation is to be reviewed on a periodic

Immediately following the adoption of that decision, the United States tabled a proposal that the 23 nations 'assume together mem-

bership of the conference as of midnight today."

But the U.S. proposal also contains the qualification that any members, new or old, be prevented from standing alone to deny consensus on a proposal if that member is subject to comprehensive enthe Security Council under chapter VII of the U.N. Charter.

"Now the fact is there is only one country on the list of 23 that is subject to U.N. sanctions and that is Iraq," Mr. Ledogar said in an interview after submitting the proposal to the conference. The 1995 session of the

CD, the world's only multilateral arms control negotiatber 22, and Mr. Ledogar said be was hopeful that the U.S. proposal would be acted on by the conference on its final

"Even if it doesn't pass tomorrow, this proposal has made perfectly clear to everyone that there is only one problem regarding this list of future members, and that is Iraq's performance — or non-performance to be precise — under the sanctions that were imposed by the U.N. Security Council," he

"If we don't achieve consensus on this tomorrow, we will try to build support for it in New York at the United Nations First Committee (the disarmament committee. which meets this year from October 16-November 17) of

the 50th General Assembly."
The Conference on Dismembers, including all five nuclear weapons states. Mr. Ledogar noted that the 23 countries proposed as members September 21 bave already been able to participate extensively in the CD as non-member participants, who under CD rules can attend meetings, circulate papers and make contributions but cannot break consensus on any issue.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Turkish court bans 'peace call'

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's independent Human Rights Association said on Friday a state security court banned a "peace call" the group made demanding an end to the 11-year war between Turkish soldiers and separatist Kurdish rebels. The Ankara court ordered the group's bulletin collected earlier this week on grounds of "separatist propaganda," Nazmi Gur, an association official, told Reuters. The bulletin calls for lifting restrictions on Kurdish cultural and political identity and asks both sides to lay down their weapons and work for a political solution to end the fighting that has killed more than 19,000 people. Mr. Gur said the association's general secretary met the public prosecutor on Thursday to answer questions about the bulletin and the court was considering opening a case for "separatist propaganda" under article 8 of the anti-terror law. The European Parliament has threatened to veto a lucrative customs union with Trukey if the government does not institute democratic reforms such as lifting

Foreigners sentenced to 140 lashes in UAE

DUBAI (R) - A foreign man and a woman were each sentenced to 140 lashes in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) "for living in sin," a newspaper reported on Friday. Islamic law court in Sbarjah found the man guilty of "indulging in illicit relationships and cohabitation" and sentenced him to 140 lashes followed by deportation, the Gulf News daily reported. It said a foreign womana was sentenced to one month in prison and 140 lashes to be: followed by deportation after admitting in court that she had visited the man's bome "on more than one occasion."

A third defendant, a female maid, will also be deported for living with the man for more than three months.

Fewer Israelis expect progress for peace

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The number of Israelis who expect progress to be made towards peace with the Arabs has dropped to 45 per cent compared with 64 per cent a year ago. A poll published Friday found 45 per cent thought there would be progress, 33 per cent thought nothing would be progress. change and 20 per cent that the situation would worsen Two per cent gave no opinion. A year ago when the Yediot-Aharanot newspaper asked the same question 64 per cent predicted progress and only 14 per cent a deterioration, The daily also asked Israelis what had been the most positive event over the last 12 months. Thirty-three percent said the peace process with the Palestinians and 14 per cent the peace treaty with Jordan. The remainder gave no reply. The survey of a representative sample of 500 Israelis was carried out for the Jewish new year, which begins Sunday evening. The error margin was four per cent.

UAE recognises Palestinian passport

DUBAI (R) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has recognised the new Palestinian passport issued by the Palestinian self-rule authority. UAE newspapers reportedon Friday. It quoted an official source at the Palestinian. on Friday. It quoted an official source at the Palestinian, embassy in Abu Dhabi as saying "with this recognition, the holders of the (Palestinian) passport have the right to reside, work and visit the country." The source said the Palestinian embassy in Abu Dhabi and the consulate in Dubai will start receiving passport applications from all Palestinians living in the UAE. "The UAE Department of Imigration and Naturalisation has issued a circular to endorse the Palestinian passport at all entry points of the country" he said.

Kuwait labour delegation visits Yemen

DUBAI (R) — A Kuwaiti labour delegation has arrived in Sanaa in the first such visit to Yemen in five years, Gulf news agencies said on Friday. It said a team from Kuwait's General Labour Union headed by its president, Thabet Al Haroon, arrived in the Yemeni capital on Thursday night at an invitation from his Yemeni counterpart. It quoted Al Haroon as saying they will be meeting in Sanaa with-officials from "official bodies and institutions" in additionto trade unions. Mr. Haroon said the visit, the first of its kind in five years, was aimed at boosting relations between the two countries' labour unions. Relations between the two countries have been strained since 1990 because of perceived Yemeni sympathy towards Iraq after its invasion. of Kuwait that year.

Germany resumes aid to Turkey

BONN (AFP) — Germany on Wednesday decided to resume its military aid to Turkey, suspended in March in protest over Ankara's miltiary incursions into northem Iraq to flush out Kurdish rebels. The resumption was signalled by a finance commission of the Bundestag, or lower house of parliament, which voted to provide 150 million marks (\$100 million) in aid to allow Turkey to buy two frigates. Germany had suspended its aid because of major Turkish military incursions into Iraq to crush rebes of the Kurdish Labour's Party. Turkey claimed a right of hot pursuit, saying the Kurdish rebels had been using bases inside Iraq to launch attacks on its own Kurdish region.

Syrian named deputy chief of Arab League

CAIRO (AFP) - Syria's former chief peace negotiator with Israel, Muwaffaq Al Allaf, bas been named assistant secretary general of the Arab League, the organisation said Friday. He is to replace Adnan Omran, another Syrian, whose mandate runs out at the end of December. His appointment was approved unanimously at a Cairo conference of league foreign ministers on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Allaf, 67, was his country's representative to the United Nations from 1975 and then headed the Syrian delegation in direct talks with Israel after the Madrid peace conference on October 1991.

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By Khattab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Unemployment has risen enormously in the Middle East in the last decade, and now seems more widespread than any other region of the world, according to a report on regional perspectives on world de-

velopment 1995. The report, "Will Arab Workers Prosper or Be Left Out in the Twenty-First Century?" issued by the World Bank, states that unemployment rates are around 20 per cent in Algeria, Jordan, the West Bank, Yemen, and Lebanon, while it is around

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15 per cent in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia

The annual growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) per worker in the Middle East and North Africa has declined in the last decade in Algeria. Jordan. Iraq, Egypt and Syria, while it rose in Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, the report said

In most of the region real wages declined sharply during the mid-to-late 1980s, and have stagnated since. In manufacturing, for which data exist for most countries, wage growth during the 1970s was comparable to that of East Asia, Latin America

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and Eastern Europe. While wages took off in East Asia in the 1980s, they fell in other regions, but more sharply, of about 30 per cent in the Arab countries, the report added.

On a positive note, the report said that poverty levels, unlike unemployment, are low by international standards. "Arab societies tend to be nearly as equal as those with a socialist tradition, and their poverty levels are a third of those found in Latin American countries with similar incomes." However, the report explained, poverty has been rising fast in several countries of the region. Poverty levels rose in Egypt

by 30 per cent in the first half of the last decade, while it was 90 per cent in Jordan over the same period. In Egypt, the report

added, "the proportion of the population under the poverty line (\$30 a month per person in real dollars) increased by about 30 per cent between 1985 and 1990 and has continued to rise since then because labour demand remained weak and consumption subsidies have been re-In Jordan, for which the

external environment deteriorated much more, poverty tripled. Unemployment by gender in Jordan is 35 per cent for women and 14 per cent for men with a total rate of unemployment of 18.8 per cent making it the third highest unemployment rate in the region after the West Bank with about 30 per cent, and

Algeria with 21 per cent.

The report noted 'that although the public sector, which is the main employer in many countries in the region, is now under pressure and has stopped hiring, still has a large share of the labour force on the government payroll. The percentage of government employers of the total labour force in Kuwait is 92 per cent, Algeria 58 per

cent, Jordan 48 per cent, Bahrain 43 per cent, Tunisia and Egypt 38 per cent, Syria 35 per cent, and the West Bank and Gaza 19 per cent. It added that maintaining large public sectors unjustifiably burdens the economy. In Jordan, for example, tax revenues have risen to nearly 30 per cent of GDP, effectively reducing competition and real wages in the private

Another shortcoming of state-led economies, said the report is macroeconomic stability that is constantly threatened by pressures for wage increases for the large (Continued on page 7)

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Queen Noor, the Honorary Chairperson of RJVT, praised the participants and the members of the team

Ministry of Health is to

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Nimat Sabel Aish, head of

The programme will pro-

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Sabel Aish said.

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Her Majesty Queen Noor Friday leads a march for the disabled organised by the Royal Jordanian Volunteers Team (Petra photo)

Queen leads rch for the disabled

ing the march some participants discarded refreshment containers on the streets, the Queen suggested that waste hins should be made available along the way for participants' use.

The Queen then thanked and presented gifts to the youngest participants who helped pick up the litter.

Ministry to launch school

medical teams comprising

one general practitioner,

one dentist and four assis-

tants in each team that visit-

ed schools on a monthly

These teams operated in

Mafraq, Madaba, Jerash,

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Zarqa, Irbid,

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health service programme

The RIVT organises hi-

annual training courses for

the supervisors of the cen-

tres for the disabled as well as recreational trips for approximately 300 disabled

children. It also provides

the centres with furniture,

Last year, the RJVT team raised JD 43,000 for 25

centres, whose services benefit 6,000 disabled chil-

Also accompanying the

Queen and participating in

the march were Hind Nass-

er and her daughter, Sharifa

dren, the statement said.

equipment, toys and gifts.

AMMAN (Petra) — A new is to help combat contaand Southern Shuneh. health services programme gious diseases that schools Medical teams eventually for 1995-1996 prepared by the Ministry of Education to. The health service will increased over the years in keeping with the increase in the number of students, she through lectures and docusaid. Clinics were then set mentaries. The ministry up at schools in a number official said although the of governorates to make bealth services programme medical assistance availwas initiated in 1975, until able to the students. 1989 there were only 16

A medical record is kept for each student at the school and free treatment is offered to the students in the health centres and the government hospitals, added Mrs Sabel Aish.

The ministry has also prepared a training course for teachers of bealth educa-



Workers take an afternoon hreak on the construction site of the Interior Ministry Circle-Abdali overpass. The elevated road is scheduled for completion prior to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit due to convene in Amman on Oct. 29-31 (phnto by Yousef Al 'Allan)

World Bank to loan Jordan \$80m — planning minister

By Sa'ad Silawi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Minister of Planning Rima Khalaf Friday said that the World Bank will offer Jordan an \$80 million loan to strengthen the Kingdom's foreign exchange reserves...

Jordan will be able to use the loan immediately after it has been approved hy the hank's board of directors, Ms. Khalaf said.

The minister said in an interview with the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i that negotiations with the World Bank, which took place in the first half of September, focused on Jordan's economic measures as well as the introduction of steps to provide investment incentives and enact laws designed to redue income tax on individuals and com-

Dr. Khalaf said that

Japan will also offer Jordan an \$80 million soft loan to support Jordanian economic reforms.

The minister said reforms include amendments to the Income Tax Law, the Sales Tax Law and the new laws telecommunications, insurance and investments, as well as the Central Bank of Jordan's measures to reform the monetary system in Jordan and to allow commercial banks to deal with foreign currency in granting loans and raising the ceiling of credit to husi-

The minister also said that there will be no reduction in customs fees on

nesses and companies.

The government only intends to shift part of the customs dnty on cars to the sales tax, so imported car will prices

'Israel restricts trade'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Chamber of Industry President Khaldoun Abu Hassan Friday accused Israel of impeding trade between Jordan and Palestine.

Mr. Ahu Hassan, who returned Friday from a visit to the Palestinian self-rule areas where he participated in a meeting of the Jordan-ian-Palestinian Business Council, said certain Israeli measures and restrictions are rendering Jordanian-Palestinian trade agreements futile.

Israel is blocking transit and transport operations with military road hlocks, which were set up, according to Mr. Ahu Hassan, under the pretext of inspecting trucks.

Mr. Ahn Hassan, who met with heads of chambers of commerce and industry in Gaza, Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah and Nablus, said Israel is

repeatedly closing off the Arab areas, delaying the issuance of travel permits, imposing restrictions on trucks crossing the bridges to Jordan for alleged security reasons and allowing a maximum number of 20 trucks to cross each day, five days a week.

He said such measures mean that trucks remain idle near the hridges for at least four days. During that time, Mr. Ahu

Hassan said, truck owners are charged JD 45 daily for every tonne of goods being transported in permit fees

to remain waiting. He said Israel is also demanding that trucks be unloaded for goods inspecfion and that the truckowners pay the wages for workers to load and unload their vehicles.

Jordanian trucks are also being charged JD 48 to

Israel is charging a toll of JD 18 for each tonne of Jordanian cement sent to the self-rule areas in addition to an Israeli purchase tax known as 'tama tax,' according to Mr. Abu Hassan who was accompanied by a team of Jordanian husinessmen.

Mr. Abu Hassan said Israel is also hanning Jordan's exports of foodstuffs to the self-rule areas, whereas similar products are allowed entry from

Mr. Abu Hassan said Jordanian exporters are being forced to send products through Egypt, thus incurring additional expenses.

This issue, he said, needs to be re-examined hy the National Palestinian Authority and Jordan as well as with exporters and importers on both sides.

Ministry looks into complaints about public establishments admitting minors

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Ministry of Social Development recently initiated a campaign to monitor public coffee shops and recreational centres that offer water pipes (argilehs) to customers following complaints that these establishmenents were serving minors, according to ministry officials.

"We have received several complaints from people informing us that youths under 18 are smoking water pipes at food and beverage establishments, so we have accordingly increased our monitoring, said Musa Safi, director of the Social

Defence Department at the ministry.

In a recent interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Safi said monitors visit coffee shops regularly, "but after receiving new complaints. their efforts doubled." According to Mr. Safi,

during the past two mooths, ministry inspectors have caught 25 youths, including one female, under the age of 18 smoking water pipes in different public places in the city.

The ministry official said that the families of the 25 youths were uncooperative. "All the families we contacted told us that they allowed their chi i to smoke water i inc

Mr. Safi said that the ministry's prime concern is to protect children from being exposed to unhealthy habits

from frequenting unsnitable We study each case individually and try to determine why these youngsters are resorting to such

places," he said.

According to Mr. Safi, none of the places where children were caught was shut down. Instead they were issued a warning by the concerned audionities.

He added that the increase i · · · · number of minorsrequestions of the second regularity of the se places became nouceable after the beginning of the

scholastic year. According to Mr. Safi, the

ministry is drafting proposed legislations concernas well as to protect them ing the protection of minors. The ministry will cooperate with other institutions to evaluate the possible negative consequences of yonths frequenting hilliard and video game centres, coffee houses and other public recreational

establishments. The authorities include the ministries of Youth, Education, Interior and Social Development, as well as the Public Security Department (PSD).

The proposed legislation would make uniform any .. regulation concerning the admission of minors to recreational establishments. Such regulations would

include that such establishments require that any youth entering its premises provide valid identification. It would also make provi-

sions for designating bours and places where minors would be allowed to enter. "We have noticed an increase in awareness among people concerning youth, and many people have requested our intervention to stop what could become a negative trend,"

We encourage the public's interest in the safety of our youth and we will act all concerns expressed by citizens," Mr. Safi told the Jordan Times.

'Peace process strengthens Arab-American lobby efforts'

By Beatrix Immenkamp Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Consecutive peace agreements between Arab parties and Israel, showing a new readiness in the area to move towards peace and stability, have strengthened the position of Arab-American groups lobbying for American financial aid to the Middle East, according to Ibrahim Hawatmeh, President of the National Association of

Arab Americans (NAAA). The historic Oslo agreemeot between Israel and the PLO and the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan, revealing a new trend of solving conflict by peaceful means, has increased U.S. readiness to provide financial assistance for the consolidation of peace in the region, said Dr. Hawatmeh, who is currently on a visit to Jordan.

The role of Arab-American lobbying groups in the US now is to show the American public and U.S.Congress that peace and political stability in the Middle East are in America's national interest, and

that this political stability depends in large parts on people in the region reaping the economic benefits of peace," said Dr. Hawatmeh, in an interview with the Jordan Times Friday.

The NAAA is a leading Arab-American political organisation which lobbies the U.S. Congress and administration for an evenhanded U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. "The people of the Mid-

dle East must see that peace is a good thing, which can improve their overall living conditions. At this moment, this can only be guaranteed hy securing outside aid," Dr. Hawatmeh

"Our role is to make the American public and the U.S. administration understand that it pays to channel American money to the region for peaceful purposes now, rather than to spend billions of dollars on solving a crisis, as happened in the event of the Gulf War," he added.

The role of political groups lobbying for financial aid to the Middle East becomes

Ibrahim Hawatmeh

important now, at a time when the U.S. Congress is trying to cut welfare and foreign aid, he said.

Dr. Hawatmeh, an American citizen of Jordanian origin, sees his election last year as president of the organisation as a sign that the NAAA is supporting Jordan's role as a vital agent for lasting peace in the

The Board of Directors of the NAAA voted to concentrate on the issue of between Jordan.

Palestine and Israel," Dr. Hawatmeh told the Jordan "Jordan's ability to func-

tion as a central regional actor in this crucial phase depends in large part on U.S. willingness to help them meet pressing economical needs."

Dr. Hawatmeh was a member of the delegation that accompanied President Bill Clinton on his visit to the Kingdom to attend the signing ceremony of the peace treaty between Jor-dan and Israel.

Commenting on prospect of a high-level delegation from Jordan attending the signing ceremony in Washington of a second Palestinian-Israeli agreement, expected later this month, Dr. Hawatmeh said it showed that Palestinians and Jordanians were going into the peace process together.

"There is a long way to go in this peace process, hut it is happening with the approval of both parties, Jordanians and Palestinians. The presence of highranking Jordanian officials at the ceremony in Washington will underline that Palestinians and Jordanians are working together for the establishment of peace in the region," he said.

Dr. Hawatmeh, a practicing urologist and clinical assistant professor at St. Louis University School of Medicine, described members of the NAAA as American citizens of Arab origin who care about their Arab background and want to participate in the American political system which, he said, has often been hiased against the interests of Arab

The organisation is involved in a wide range of issues pertaining to U.S.-Arah hilateral relations, including the Middle East peace process, the economreconstruction of

Lebanon, U.S. foreign aid, regional security concerns and other economic, political and security aspects of U.S. relations with the Arab world, according to the

SWISS CULTURAL WEEK

"Journeys into the Country's Interior," and "Candy Mountain," (with subtitles in Arabic) at 5.00pm and 8.00pm at the Royal Cultural Centre. "Always and Forever" and "The Mountain" (with Arabic subtitles) at 5.00pm and 8.00pm at the Royal Cultural Centre on Friday. Exhibitions

Two photography exhibitions: "Swiss photographers since 1840 until today," and "Face to Face with Switzerland," at the RCC.

"How to Make Language Malleable" by Dr. Abdullah Al Danan at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman, at 6.30pm.

Jordanian-Svrian-Turkish products at King Abdullah Gardens, Al Bas-Abstract artworks by Abdullah Tamimi entitled, "Colours of Peace," at

the Royal Cultural Centre. *Works by Hani Khaza leh at the Goethe Institut, Jabal Amman. Ceramics by Dr. Mahmoud Saddig and Da'd Al Maflih at the Marriott

* Works hy Lamia Abdel Sahib and Samer Ousama entitled "Aux Sources Orientales de la Fountaine," at the French Cultural Centre.

Paintings by Sudanese artists at Baladna Art Gallery.

* "Beneath the Waves," photographs on Aqaba underwater life by Julia Reinholt at The Gallery, Hotel InterContinental.

* Paintings by Palestinian artist Samira Badran at Abdul Hameed Shoman

* Works by artist Ghazi 'Asayrah at the Housing Bank Complex Gallery.

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*Graphic work by several artists and students in the South Gallery. * Photography of Jordan, Elements in Harmony' hy Hala Hilmi Hodeib at the Blue House. * Painted stone and steel, 'Embargo Art' hy Iraqi artist Nuha Al Radi at the Garden of the Blue House. * 'Early Morning Scribbles' hy Lehanese artist Amin Al Bacha and Jordanian artist Rajwa Bint Ali and 'Late Night Scribbles' by Amin Al Bacha and Joranian artist Ali Bermamet

* Open Air Sculpture workshop.* Ceramic shop at the Lower Garden.

Beauty festival

highlights cosmetics demand in China

BEIJING (AFP) - The first China International Beauty and hairdressing festival opened here Thursday, an event seeking to profit from the fantastic

demand for cosmetics in

China's booming economy.

the China Daily reported

Friday. The four-day festi-

val, organised hy China

Beauty and Hairdressing Services Organisation, will feature demonstrations,

seminars and enmperitions,

with Chinese and foreign

participants, the official English-language daily

said. Sales of beauty prod-

ucts in China reached 10

hillion yuan (\$1.19 mil-

linn) last year compared with 200 million yuan in

1984, while between 1979

and 1995, the number of

salons rose from 10,000 to

700,000. In 1994 Chinese

spent an average of nine

yuan (\$1.1) a head in cns-

metics, compared with 1.8 yuan in 1986. In large cities

such as Beijing and Shanghai wnmen spend

around a fifth of their

income nn beauty products.

Swedish store

celebrates star

employee

STOCKHOLM (R) - One

of Greta Garbo's first work-

places, a department store

in central Stockhalm, will

reopen Thursday remod-

elled with a permanent dis-

play honnuring its most famons employee, the Swedish News Agency

(TT) said. Hallywood siren

Garbo, whose real name

was Greta Gustafsson, was

the youngest sales girl in

the store when she began

working at "The Pub" at the

age of 15. "Greta is a quiet,

hut very good, sales girl.

She always looks tidy and

neat and bas such a nice

face," Garbo's then-super-

visor Magda Hellberg said

at the time. Thanks to her.

lonks. Garbo was allowed

to model hats and star in

advertisements for baked

goods, although originally hired as a clerk in the

Panda twins born

the paper said.

Japan's Hashimoto wins party leadership contest

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto Friday easily won election, as leader of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). the biggest partner in Prime Tomiichi Murayama's coalition.

In a result considered a fnregone cnnclusion, Mr. Hashimotn crusbed Junichiro Koizumi, an nutspoken firmer posts minister, in the race to lead the dominant group in the three-party ruling coalitinn.

Mr. Hashimoto won the vntes of 239 parliament members and 65 so-called "party votes" --- one party vote equals 10,000 party members' votes - while Mr. Koizumi won 72 parliamentarians' vntes and 15

The victory moved the right-wing Hashimoto nne step claser to possibly becoming Japan's next prime minister, if the coalition falls apart or a general

The 58-year-old national-ist, known for his rakish suits and short temper, has become a popular bousehold name in Japan for the tough stance he has taken in the nation's trade disputes with the United States.

Mr. Hashimoto's new post gives him added weight in cnalition discussings about ways to stimulate a sluggish econnmy that remains stubbornly unresponsive to a series of massive government spending packages.

During the race for party president, Mr. Hashimoto called for more fiscal and monetary stimulus measures for the economy and said he supported structural economic reform. But the calls for more rad-

ical reform came from Mr. Koizumi, 53, a maverick who entered the race partly to give the appearance of a contest in a party with a traditinn nf choosing its leaders in smoke-filled back-

Mr. Koizumi called for

postal savings system and nther forms of sweeping deregulation — reforms popular among Japan's citizens and trade partners, but anathema to LDP stalwarts.

Despite Mr. Hashimotn's reputation for problem solving, which was enhanced earlier this year when be averted a Japan-U.S. trade war nver cars and car parts, analysts cautinned against fundamental expecting change from the new LDP

"Most of the reformminded members of the LDP have left the party to join the opposition Shinshinto, and the watchwords of Japan's new politics will be nationalism and conservatism rather, than openness and liberalism." said Ronald Bevacqua, an economist at Merrill Lynch

Expectations of a rapid redirection of economic policy under Mr. Hashimoto are quite likely misplaced,"

Political pundits say the hawkish Hashimoto's election augurs for a more assertive LDP role in the coalition, in contrast to the deferential approach of outgoing party President Yohei Konn, the foreign minister.

Mr. Hashimoto, bowever, has vowed to continue to support the 15-month-old government nf Mr. Murayama, who Thursday said he intended to stay in office until next spring in order to pass the national hudget for fiscal 1996.

The LDP's liberal partners, the Socialists and sakigake Party, had expressed discomfort at the idea of working with a leader from the right wing nf Japan's most conservative party.

Turnout for the leadership vote was lnw, with party nfficials saying that only about 55 per cent of the LDP's nationwide membership cast votes.

A man takes a nap nn a bench before a stack of tombstones in northern kashmir where Muslim rebels are waging a bloody separatist campaign against Indian forces

India loses contact with kidnappers

SRINAGAR, India (R) — Indian anthorities said Friday they have had no contact for twn days with the Al-Faran militants holding four Western tourists captive in Kashmir, but they believed the hostages

remained unharmed An administration official told Reuters the militants had not made their usual nightly contact with the negotiators since Toesday night, hnt said they had been warned of the break in

communications. "There is no cause to be alarmed," said Jammu and Kashmir Police Chief Mahender Sabharwal, "This has happened in the past, sometimes for four or five days at a time. We believe that the hostages are safe."

The Al-Faran militants kidnapped American Donald Hutchings, German Dirk Hasert and Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Wells early in July while they were trekking in the mountains of southern

Kashmir, Norwegian Hans Christian Ostroe, was found beheaded on Aug.13. Near bis body was a note threatening to kill the other hostages nuless the government met

within two days.

The deadline, and three subsequent ones, passed with nn apparent harm tn

Al-Faran said it would release the tourists if India freed the jailed militants, including three Pakistanis belonging to the Harkat-Ul-Ansar group.

Indian authorities have insisted that Al-Faran is actually a front for the Harkat-Ul-Ansar. But the group has disowned Al-Faran and condemned the kidnapping.

The most recent evidence of the hostages' well-being dates to the end of August, an official spokesman said. "But all these days the information of the intermediary has been correct, so we believe they are safe," be said.

The Indian authorities communicate with Al-Faran hy telephone, speaking to an intermediary nominated by the group. Very rarely has the group itself spoken

to officials on radio. A police officer told Reuters it was probable that Al-Faran had broken off

concrete result. The nfficer said the mili-

tants had complained that Indian authorities had not offered anything in almost three months of negotiatinns, and had then curtailed the conversation.

ing the negntiations in largely Hindu India's only Muslim-majority state, said be did not expect cnntact for another day nr twn.

Newspapers and domestic agencies reported last week that the militants were close to striking a deal with the authorities involving a cash payment. The ransom was variously estimated to range from \$750,000 to \$50 mil-

more than 20,000 people have been killed in the fiveyear war against Indian rule

evening's contact had nn their demands for the release of 15 jailed militants

Annther official monitor-

Administration officials declined comment for fear jeopardising hostages' position. But police afficers involved in the negotiations ruled out the talks of ransnm.

"The Al-Faran were very upset at the reports," said an official. "They accused us of defaming them."

Hospitals and police say negotiations in a fit of pique . of the Himalayan region. after discussions in Tuesday

House votes to tighten Cuba embargo; Christopher urges veto

The House voted Thursday to tighten pressure on Fidel Castro's Cuba with steps Secretary of state Warren Christopher said would damage prospects for peaceful change and hinder U.S. interests around the

Voting 294-130, the Hnuse approved a bill that would strengthen the U.S. embargo against Cuha, partly by increasing U.S. pressure against other countries to join it.

The bill would require the president to withhold aid from countries that deal with Cuba, deny entry of anyone who traffics in U.S. property confiscated by Mr. Castro and make plans for assisting an elected Cuban

Mr. Christopher, in a letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, rejected all the bill's major provisions, saying they would hinder any progress with Cuba, and called for a veto.

A similar measure is pending in the Senate. The House "yes" vote, with 67 Democrats jnining all hut 4 Republicans, was sufficient to override a veto. "We are in the final stages

of confrontation that has lasted more than a generation," said Rep. Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat and a hill supporter.

"Fidel Castro cannot escape. He cannot survive unless we allow him to.' Democratic Rep. Lee H. Hamilton said every member of the House agrees that Mr. Castrn must gn. But he said the hill wrongly heaps more suffering on Cuban people in the hope that they will rise up against their

gnvernment. "The competing philosophy is that governments can be toppled peacefully, hy exposure to the free fluw nf ideas and the benefits nf free markets," Hamilton said.

Mr. Christnpher, in his letter Wednesday, said the

Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act "would actually damage prospects for a peaceful transition.

He said it also would "jeopardise other key U.S. interests around the glnbe" by restricting aid to Russia and other former Soviet nations and hy limiting dealing with countries that participate in completion of a Cuban nuclear pnwer

"This kind of rigid condi-tioning of assistance can have far-reaching consequences and may interfere with out ability to advance the national interest," Mr. Christopher said. He said it would also impede efforts to resolve U.S. citizens' claims against Cuba

sions intended to protect the interests of U.S. citizen and businesses whose property was confiscated by the Castro regime, enabling them to sue people who traffic in the confiscated property and prohibiting the entry of such people into the

United States. In addition to Mr. Christopher's letter, the State Department issued a point-by-point rejection of the bill's provisions.

The House, on a 283-138 vote, rejected a Democratic amendment that would have exempted sales nf medicine and food to Cuba from the emhargo.

The hill has the strong support of Cuban American organisations and dissidents within Cuba, as well as Cuban American members nf Congress. Meanwhile, former

President Jimmy Carter held talks in Atlanta Wednesday aimed at improving U.S.-Cuhan rela-

Mr. Carter, who has conducted a number of private peacekeeping initiatives around the world, is trying to schedule a meeting with Cuban government leaders hut nn date has been set.

bill tightening the U.S. embargo on Cuba would not destroy the island's Socialist system hnt would hinder possible solutions to the U.S.-Cuba conflict.

"With this law or without it, the Cuban Revolution will go on," Cuhan Foreign Ministry spokesman Rafael Dausa told a news conference in Havana.

Mr. Dausa said the legislation could have some 'negative effects" for Cnba, which has been seeking foreien investment to help pull its economy out of reces-

But be added: "I don't think it's going to discourage foreign investment nor limit our economic recovery, nor will it destroy the foundations of our revolu-

tion." "But I do think that it will complicate the solution of the Cuban dispute (with the United States)".

Cuha and the United States have not had full diplomatic relations' since Washington broke off diplomatic ties with Havana in

Asked about talks nn Cuha with Cuban exile leaders held by Mr. Carter, Mr. Dausa said the Cuban government did not need any mediator between itself and the Cnban emigre community.

"We have communication with the Cuban exile commurity," he said, adding that the Cnhan government would host a conference with Cuban emigre representatives in Havana on Nov. 3-6.

He said Cuba's government had received no invitation to participate in spe-

cific talks with the exiles. "Our real conflict is not with the exiles. The Cuban conflict is with the United States," Mr. Dausa said, adding the United States had so far not shown the political will needed to solve the longstanding dis-

Russia's election . chief urges voters to be wise

MOSCOW(R) — Russia's top election official urged voters Thursday to think twice before signing up to launch political parties, warning they might face a bewildering between dozens of rival groups in December's

Central Electoral Commission Nikolai Ryabov told a news conference that 45 parties and blocs had put themselves forward for the Dec. 17 parliamentary poll.

But if citizens withheld their signatures from parties canvassing support this "vast armada" of parties and candidates could be thinned out to a much more sensible number.

Mr. Ryabov said each party or bloc had the right to be registered to fight the election for the State Duma (lower chamber) if it mustered the required 200,000 signatures by midnight on Oct. 22.

"But I appeal through the press to citizens to be responsible in using their right to give their signatures for the parties, hlocs and unions," he said.

"If not, then on Dec. 17 citizens will be faced with such a hig menu that they will be so confused they'll be poisoned," he said. The present, 450-seat

Duma is comprised of nine main parties, dominated by Communist, Agrarian and ultranationalist critics of the government.

The well-organised Communists and the Agrarians are expected to perform strongly in the election, though how well the ultranationalists of Vladimir Zhirinnvsky who also did well in December 1993 — is harder to judge.

judge in the O.J. Simpson

trial handed the prosecution

a victory Thursday, saying he would instruct the jurors

that they could consider a

verdict of second degree

murder during their deliber-

That instruction had been

vigorously opposed by the

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who believe their client

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Suu Kyi asks Burma junta to keep democracy pledge

RANGOON (R) Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Friday that Burma's military rulers, who grabbed power in 1988 promising the nation a return to democracy, should now keep to their word.

"The State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) promised democracy. We would like them to keep their promise. It's as simple as that," Sun Kyi, who was released in early July after nearly six years under house arrest, told

Reuters in an interview. "It is ironic that people are put into prison and persecuted simply because they are asking the government to keep their promise," the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize laureate said.

Thousands of people were killed or imprisoned before seven months of student-led pro-democracy demonstrations across Burma were finally crushed on Sept. 18, 1988, when the military set np a new ruling body — the SLORC.

The leader of the SLORC at the time promised the nation the military would hald multi-party elections and return the country to

May 1990, Ms. Suu Kyi's National League Democracy (NLD) swept more than 80 per cent of the seats. But the SLORC ignored the result and instead launched a massive crackdown on all opposition in the country.

Since her unexpected and unconditional release on July 10, Ms. Suu Kyi has repeatedly called on the SLORC for dialogue and national reconciliation but has been ignored. Earlier this mnnth, senior

SLORC generals told the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Alhright, during a visit here that they were considering talks with Ms. Suu Kyi. But nothing formal has yet happened.

Ms. Suu Kyi, whn has been meeting frequently with ber NLD colleagues since gaining her freedom, said she believed her release may encourage others in Burma to be more open in their struggle for democracy.

"Perhaps they can afford to be a bit more frank... partly because my colleagues in the NLD are working together very

In a general election in openly and very unitedly," she said in the interview at her lakeside Rangoon

> A pressing issue ahead for the NLD and Ms. Suu Kyi is the next session of a SLORC-organised national convention, which bas been been meeting since January 1993 to draw up guidelines for a new Burmese constitu-

The military-dnminated gathering, which has already agreed on a clause to give the army a leading role in future politics, has been roundly criticised by dissidents in exile and by Ms. Sun Kyl herself in the

Ms. Snu Kyi declined comment on what position she and the NLD would take on the conventinn and also nn her efforts to engage the SLORC in dialngue.

Reflecting on the events after the SLORC took power, Ms. Suu Kyi said: "It's amazing what people have gone through. It's not surprising that they are afraid... (but) they should be able to do what they think in spite of their fears.'

store's clothing department. Her salary was 125 crnwns per month (\$17) during ber two-year career at the store, it added. Swedish-born

Garbo died in 1990.

in Germany AUGSBURG, Germany (AFP) - Panda twins have been horn in Augsburg, the city zoo has announced. They were born on June 25 this year, but the successful mating of five-year-old panda-mother Gabi with their father Ton was kept secret because of the notorious difficulty of breeding pandas in captivity. "We have only now made this rare event known, in order to shield the young from the pressure of publicity," said zoo worker Brigitte Gnrgas. The zoo keepers had been unaware of the mating, and the sex of the young beasts is not yet known. Pandas, which are native to Nepal, Burma and

Norway's Losers Union wins one, at

OSLO (AP) - At last,

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chalk up a win for the Insers. Twn leading members of Norway's Losers Rights Union succeeded in getting an audience with King Harald V. They called the meeting a victory for all thuse who seem doomed to failure. "This was a real boost for the Losers. We hope it will put the issue on the social agenda," said Ola Odegaard, fnunder of the group, which he said kept losing out because no one took it seriously. Losers, sick of feeling wronged by society, handed together in Nnvember 1993. Mr. Odegaard said the group's 728 members now help about 7,000 fellow losers."The only requirement for membership is that people really feel like losers," Mr. Odegaard said. "We all suffer losses, such as when a loved nne dies."

he said.

Quebec voters want details of separation offer

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MONTREAL (R) — Most Quebec voters want the provincial government to provide details of economic Canada after a referendum and political association it vote in favour of Quebec would nffer the rest nf Canada should the province vote to secede, a poll published Friday said.

In the poll for the Montreal daily newspaper La Presse and Radio-Ouebec television programme Droit De Parole, three quarters of respondents said before the Oct. 30 referendum on Quebec sovereignty Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau should make public the offer his government would make to the rest of Canada.

Mr. Parizeau has said that

he will not provide details

nf the nffer before the refer-

sovereignty is an integral part of the separatist Quebec government's referendum strategy. On Oct. 30, Quebeckers

will vnte on wbether Quebec should become sovereign after having made a formal offer to Canada for a new economic and political partnership. Quebec's 6.9 millinn people make up about one-quarter of Canada's population.

The Quebec government has said that if Quebeckers vote in favour of separation. it would make such an nffer and negotiate with the rest of Canada for nne year hefore declaring Quebec

sovereign.

In the survey conducted for the newspaper and the television programme hy the Som Inc polling agency, 75 per cent of respondents said Mr. Parizeau should make the offer public before the referendum, 15 per cent said be should not and 10 per cent were undecided or did not respond.

The poll of 1,001 respondents was conducted between Sept. 15 and 18 and has a 3.88 per cent margin of error. On another question, 73

per cent of respondents said the Canadian government should agree to negotiate an agreement on economic and political partnership with Quebec if Quebeckers vote for sovereignty,

LOS ANGELES (R) - The meditation required for a First degree murder carverdict of first degree murder in the killing of to life. A conviction on the Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole lesser charge of second

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degree murder or not guilty choice for the jury. Judge Lance Ito, in granting the prosecution's request for a second degree murder instruction, noted that evidence had been presented supporting the pre-

Brown Simpson.

Simpson jurors may consider second degree murder

was no evidence of premeditation in the stabbing death of her friend, Ronald Goldman, who was simply "in the wrong place at the wrong time" when the murders took place outside Nicole Simpson's condominium

Simpson, who has pleaded not guilty to first degree murder, the only crime he was charged with in the June 12, 1994 killings, shook his head in disappointment as Judge lin issued his ruling.

ries a sentence of 25 years degree murder carries a sentence nf 15 years to life.

Earlier, defence attorneys told Judge Ito they had no further witnesses and would formally rest their case before the jury Friday. Prosecutors said they would do the same. Thursday's events ended

Opening statements began on Jan. 24. The jury will receive instructions from Judge Ito Friday and clusing arguments are to begin Tuesday,

the presentation of testimo-

ny that began on Jan. 31.

from when the trial officially started with jury selection. There will be nn court session Monday because of a Jewish holiday, Rosh Hashanah.

In arguing for the second degree murder instruction. prosecutor Brian Kelberg said that without it jurors might be faced with the choice of believing Simpson was the murderer hut not believing the murders were premeditated, forcing them to render a verdict of not guilty.

Legal analysts said Judge lto's ruling on the subject was a "very significant victory" for the prasecuting. exactly a year to the day



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Swedish store celebrates star employee

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Also Thursday, Oleg Lobov, secretary of Mr. Yelisin's powerful Security

Six gunmen took two

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rowly missed President

Boris Yeltsin's envoy to the

Russian news agencies said

The unidentified attackers

On Thursday morning, an

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GROZNY, Rússia (AP) — Council and the president's Chechenya and torpedo the personal representative in Chechenya, left Grozny to meet with Mr. Yeltsin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

Two Chechen fighters have lunch with their machinegins next to them in Grozny (AFP photo)

Gunmen seize Russian officers in Chechenya

Mr. Lobov narrowly escaped an explosion Wednesday which ripped through a hridge Grozny's outskirts.

The attack destroyed a car in Mr. Lobov's motorcade and wounded four people in his party. Mr. Lobov was not injured. No one immediately

claimed responsibility for the attack. Some Russian lawmakers suggested it could have been the work of Cbechen rebels or Russian hardliners trying to derail peace process in Chechenya.

Mr. Yeltsin, vacationing in Sochi, Wednesday condemned the attack. His press service said the perpetrators "obviously sought to aggravate the situation in

implementation of the military accord and efforts to reach political accord in the republic." On Thursday, Movladi

Udugov, chief representative of Chechen leader Dudayev, Dzhokhar denounced the attack and the "dirty insimuations" that Mr. Dudayev's forces were responsible.

He offered to conduct a joint investigation with the Russians into the attack, the Interfax News Agency said. In response to Wednesday's attack, Russian nationalities Vyacheslav Minister Mikhailov, chief Russian negotiator in peace talks, Chechenya Thursday with his deputy, Arkady Volsky.

Mr. Volsky told Interfax the negotiators were also about concerned "nosatisfactory Chechens', fulfillment" of a July 30

military agreement. Mr. Yeltsin appointed the

hawkish Lobov last month to oversee the disarmament of Chechen rebels and to supervise the withdrawal of Russian troops, who entered the sonthern republic last December to crush its independence drive.

Despite months of peace talks, and the sbaky July 30 military agreement, fighting has continued to rock the tiny mountain republic.

The Russian military command reported that Chechen fighters opened fire on Russian positions 14 times overnight Wednesday, wounding two Russian servicemen.

Aslan Maskbadov, head of the Chechen forces, told Interfax that 32 Chechens have been killed in fighting in the past few days.

Gloomy Adams warns of Northern Ireland violence

DUBLIN (R) — Sinn Fein IRA's plitical wing, had per-President Gerry Adams said suaded the guerrillas to President Gerry Adams said Friday that violence could resume in Northern Ireland after a year of peace unless Britain stopped linking peace talks to the surrender of guerrilla arms.

The natural outcome of failure will be that we slip back into the situation that some of us so carefully constructed a ladder out of," Mr. Adams said in some of his most gloomy remarks since his IRA guerrilla backers called a ceasefire

one year ago.

Mr. Adams challenged British Prime Minister John Major to drop his insistence that the Irish Republican Army and pro-British loyalist guerrillas start surrendering weapons to win a seat for their political spokesmen at new all-party peace

He said that Sinn Fein, the

declare their Sept. 1 1993, ceasefire hut no progress had been made towards a lasting settlement because there had been no all-party

"Architects of the process are pessimistic. We see the process as being doomed to failure," Mr. Adams told BBC Radio in an interview broadcast in Ireland.

He issued his warning as Irish Prime Minister John Bruton prepared to hold talks at an EU summit in Majorca with Mr. Major to try to steer a joint peace drive out of months of stale-

Irish officials said Mr. Bruton would try to persuade Mr. Major not to insist that the IRA, which fought for 25 years to end British rule, and loyalists, who waged war to maintain it, make a token surrender of weapons to show good

Britain says that both sets of guerrillas must agree in principle to disarm and then start handing over weapons in a verifiable way to get their spokesmen to the conference table.

But Irish officials said they would seek to get Mr. Major to drop his insistence on the guerrillas making any ges-ture but to accept that agreement in principle would mark major progress.

Loyalist guerrillas who killed 900 Catholics to cow the community from which the IRA draws support pointed the way last month when they issued a statement pledging they would not use their weapons first.

Irish officials believe a similar gesture from the IRA might ease the tension surrounding the peace Ireland to abruptly cancel summit talks with Mr. Major this month.

Mr. Bruton and Mr. Major are expected to see if they can find enough common ground to set a new summit date to give the faltering peace process new impetus, Irish officials said.

Ireland seeks to launch a so-called approach, under which the issue of arms would be referred to an international commission while the two governments set a date for all-party talks without linkage to the arms deadlock.

Both hope there can be suhstantial progress before U.S. President Bill Clinton visits Ireland and Britain at the end of November to meet key players in the peace process.

Typhoon Ryan kills 4 in Taiwan, the Philippines

TAIPEI (R) — Typhoon Ryan killed four people and left damage in its wake Friday as it bore down on Taiwan after creating havoc in waters around the north-

eru Philippines.

A police official in Taipei said one person died in the sonth of Taiwan but did not have further details. The typhoon cut electricity snpplies to thousands of households and forced the evacuation of one harbour buffeted hy fierce winds.

In the northern Philippines, three fishermen died when strong waves spawned by the typhoon swamped their boats, relief officials said.
Nearly 2,500 people were forced to flee when strong waves smashed into their houses along the coast of

Ilocos Norte province, they

A Philippine Navy ship. the Badjao, with 54 crew members on board was also listing badly off Burgos town after waves and heavy rains hattered the ship. The ship's tonnage and type was not immediately available.

Rescuers were trying to pluck the crew from the ship before it sank. The Badjao had just come from the northern islands of Batanes where it was delivering supplies when Ryan's fringe winds canght it in open water.

Thursday and it has been at the mercy of Ryan since, relief officials in Burgos

In Taiwan, people evacuat-

ed the small harbour settlement of Wu Kuai Chu on Taiwan's sonth-east coast, fearing that the pounding it is receiving from choppy seas might cause the harbour to fall into the sea, the police official said.

State radio reported that wind damage has cut electricity to more than 4,500 households in the central and southern parts of the island.

As of 10 a.m. (0200 GMT). the centre of Ryan was 80 kilometres southeast of the southern coastal town of Heng Chun. It was moving The ship's engines failed unortheast at 25 kilometres

per hour. Most of the island's southbound train lines have been .

cancelled for the day.

Taiwan carrier Eva Airways

announced it was halting all its domestic flights, while China Airlines said it was cancelling several domestic and international flights.

Winds at Ryan's centre were howling at 160 kph (100 mph) with gusts of up to 198 kph (120 mpb), the bureau said. Those speeds qualified it as a mediumstrength typhoon.

Officials fear that Ryan may prove the most damaging typhoon to hit Taiwan since typhnon Wayne in 1986 left a swath of death and destruction in its wake,

Taipei's financial markets, government offices and schools were closed by government order

Clinton hopes race no factor if Powell seeks office

President Bill Clinton has second four-year term, Mr. said he will delay formally Clinton said: "I just want to said he will delay formally declaring his candidacy for a second term as long as possible and said he hoped America would be blind to Colin Powell's race if be seeks the White Honse.

Mr. Clinton, hoping to complete all his fundraising needs before the 1996 election year begins, Thursday wrapped up a four-state drive that raised \$5 million for his re-election coffers.

During a question and answer session that was on radio, Mr. Clinton said he wanted to get his fundraising needs "out of the way so I could spend as much time as possible trying to be president next year and defer the campaign as much as possible."

Mr. Clinton told programme host Larry King that "everyone knows I intend to run again" but that "would like to put it off long as possible because there's so much work to be

Insisting be did not know when he would formally continue to focus on the substance of the changes we

ought to make."

Mr. Clinton most likely will become a formal candidate late this year or early in before Democratic Party's nominating process begins in February with the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire orimary.

He sidestepped most ques-tions about Gen. Powell, the former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff who has said he will decide in November whether to run for president, either as a Republican or an indepen-

Asked if be planned to read Gen. Powell's book, Mr. Clinton said, "I was kind of hoping he'd send me an autographed copy. I haven't got one yet."

Gen. Powell, the first black to serve as the nation's top military officer, has been shown in most opinion polls

LOS ANGELES (R) — declare his candidacy for a head-to-head race for the youth "hooked on educa-White House as the Republican candidate.

The polls sbow Gen.

Powell likely to be defeated if he runs as an independent candidate. Mr. Clinton described Gen. Powell as "a very impressive man" who has

gotten "a lot of very favourable publicity, and much of it very well deserved."

Insisting he did not worry about a Powell candidacy because "I have no control over that," Mr. Clinton said be hoped Gen. Powell's race would not be consid-. ered if he did run. Asked if he thought

America was ready to elect black president, Mr. Clinton replied: "I would hope the American people would judge any candidate based on his or her merits without regard to race or gender.'

"That's what I hope and that's the America that I have worked for all my life," be said.

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Earlier in San Franciso,
Mr. Clinton said he wanted

tion" through computers and called for every classroom in America to be conpected to the information superhighway by 2000.

Mr. Clinton challenged the public and private sectors to join him in crafting a national plan to achieve technological literacy for all young people. He expects to announce the plan later this

"I want to get the children of America hnoked on education through computers," Mr. Clinton said in a speech that followed a tour of a high-tech learning centre.

He praised California and said its efforts were a model for the United States. Through a cooperative effort with state and local governments and private business, California expects all of its 12,000 primary and secondary school classrooms to be connected to the Internet hy the end of

this year. Currently, only three per cent of U.S. classronms are connected.

Nuclear test ban treaty seen as on course for 1996

Agreement on a global treaty banning nuclear tests is attainable in 1996 and a consensus that it should cover nuclear explosions of all sizes is huilding, the chairman of the talks said Thursday.

The Geneva conference on disarmament, which sponsors the 38-nation negotiations on a comprehensive nnclear test ban treaty (CTBT), also took a first step towards admitting 23 new member, including haq, Israel, North Korea

and Syria. While diplomats welcomed the move as a breakthrough after years of deadlock, the actual date of accession was left open.

The forum also put off until Friday action on a proposal hy the United States which would grant immediate membership to the 23 while carrying a caveat that a state under Security the makeup of the pact's body adopted a consensus

 Council sanctions would decision-making body and decision saying all 23 states have no right to veto any conference decisions.

Diplomats said the U.S. proposal, aimed chiefly at Iraq which has been under sanctions since it invaded Kuwait in August 1990, would create a precedent and had little chance of suc-

The limited hreakthrough on membership was reached a day before the United Nations sponsored body wraps up its last 1995 session, although experts will hold technical talks in December. Poland's Ambassador

Ludwik Dembinski, chairman of the CTBT committee, snhmitted a revised draft treaty text which be said reflected "quite substantial" progress over the last months.

Differences remain over rules for inspecting members suspected of breaches,

the date when it would enter into force, be added. China and Russia have yet

to join the other three declared nuclear weapon states (Britain, France and the United States) in in their recent calls for the treaty to cover all nuclear explosions, the so-called "zeroyield threshold".

"Even though there is not yet a final agreement on the wording on scope (of the treaty) - not all the nuclear powers have expressed their points of view on this there is clear convergence towards this zero-yield threshold," Mr. Demhinski told a news conference.

Asked whether an accord was possible sometime in 1996, he replied: "Yes, I think it is possible, but much effort and very hard work is required to achieve this aim. Time is short."

The Geneva disarmament

would all assume membership "at the earliest possible date to be decided by the conference".

"It is a first step but an important one," said Nacer Benjelloun-Touimi Morocco's ambassador who chairs the forum.

"Once you have an agreement, a consensus on something, then you have momentum for more agreements," added Benjelloun-Touimi, noted that 12 other states

have requests pending.
"We have told the 23 they will be a member hut the question is when," said Mr. Benjelloun-Touimi, widely credited hy diplomats for engineering the break-through in just several

The 23 countries, in a statement read hy Chile, welcomed the move hut regretted they had not been granted full membership.

Sri Lanka: Censorship to boost army morale

COLOMBO (R) — Sri military affairs. Lanka imposed censorship SLO TAPT AT 1885 on military news Friday, saying the move targeted news reports that hinder its efforts to tame Tamil rebels or demoralises troops fightmg them.

The government had noted that certain newspapers and electronic media had published militaryrelated news in an irresponsible manner during the past few months, threatening the security of the state and the people," an official statement said.

"Distribution of military news will not only retard a ettlement of the national crisis but also break the morale of the security forces," it said.

The statement accused unidentified "newspapers and media institutions" of failing to respond positively (LTTE).

"The government was reluctantly compelled to take this step," it added. Edmond Jayasinghe, top civil servant at the Information Ministry, was named chief censor and will supervise a round-the-clock operation to clear all defence-related news for publication with the help of

Defence spokesman Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe told reporters the army would increase the frequency of its news bulletins, the only source allowed on military affairs without the censors' stamp.

military officials.

Diplomats were divided whether the move presaged a widely expected army offensive on Jaffna, stronghold of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam

to an earlier government Media Minister Dharma-plea for care in reporting siri Senanayake told a

weekly cabinet news conference Thursday the imposition of censorship for the first time since 1989 was expected to be temporary.

Asked if the move was linked with the army's widely expected assault on the northern Jaffna peninsula, a rebel stronghold. Mr. Senanayake said: "I am not sure, I do not think so." The announcement of the followed censorship

army against the LTTE Wednesday. Brig. Munasinghe said troops killed 42 LTTE rebels in key battles, two of them in Jaffna, in what analysts said were major victo-

impressive gains by the

ries for the army. Some analysts said the censorship followed news-. paper reports of serious divisions within Mrs. Kumaratunga's government.

equally concerned for human rights groups campaigning to protect civilians in Jaffna, saying they were likely to be muzzled.

But Mr. Senanayake said he expected censorship would be temporary. "We are very liberal-minded people," he said. "the concept of a free media culture has not been abandoned hy the government. I hope (the censorship) will be only temporary."

He said the move would be covered by emergency laws prevailing in Colombo and the troubled northeastern

Sri Lanka's main opposi-

tion United National Party (UNP) said Kumaratunga's government "should have sought the conperation of the media on the matter, in keeping with its oft-professed dedication Western diplomats were to media freednm."

Nepal's new government announces cabinet

ernment announced its cabinet Friday, naming as finance minister a liberal economist who was the architect of market-orientated reform in the Himalayan kingdom.

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba brought into the cabinet 13 members of the Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP), coalition partner of his Nepali Congress Party, and one from the Nepal Sadbbavana Party, which is also in the coalition, a royal palace communique said.

Congress, the biggest party in the coalition with 85 seats in the 205-member House of Representatives, provided 12 ministers, while Mr. Deuba kept seven portfolios to himself.

The key Finance Ministry went to Ram Sharan Mahat, the former vice chairman of Nepal's National Planning

KATHMANDU (R) — Commission who drew np Nepal's new coalition gov- the economic reform programme introduced in Nepal in 1992 to attract new investment.

Mr. Denba has said he will encourage private sector and foreign investment in Nepal's industrial develop-

In one of its first policy papers, the new government announced Thursday it would introduce an open and transparent privatisation programme. The Foreign Ministry went

to PrakashChandra Lohani, a member of the RPP who served as finance minister in the 1980s. The RPP has 19 seats in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Deuba, 49, was sworn in as prime minister by Nepal's King Birendra on Sept. 12, two days after the minority Communist government was thrown out in a no-confidence vote in the House of Representatives.

The vote followed a Supreme Court ruling that former Prime Minister Man Mohan Adhikary's decision in June to dissolve parliament and call mid-term elections was unconstitu-

It said the opposition should have been given a chance to form a govern-Critics say the new gov-

long because of the differences between the three parties that make up the coali-The centrist Nepali Congress fought for 50

years to establish multi-

party democracy in the

eroment is unlikely to last

kingdom. The RPP is a monarchist party formed by powerful men in the previous "partyless demncracy" system thrown out when the king agreed to reinstate political parties in the face of a prodemocracy movement which swept the kingdom in

"They were united only to pull down the UML government hut have no common future programmes," said former Information Minister Pradeep Nepal of the Communist Unified Marxist Leninist (UML)

Coalition officials said the delay in announcing the full cabinet — Mr. Deuba named five ministers on Sept. 12 — was because of tough bargaining within Congress between former Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala and party President Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, both of whom were trying to press their supporters on Mr. Deuha.

The Nepali Congress won power in the 1991 elections, only to fall because of internal divisions, allowing in the Communists after a fresh vote last November.

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On passports and the law

THE CONTROVERSY about passport rights cannot be expected to be settled equitably and permanently without resolving once and for all who is a Jordanian citizen and who is not. Once this issue of citizenship is determined, the right to have a passport valid for five years would be resolved automatically. The problem was created in the first place when Jordan decided in 1988 to sever all administrative and legal links with the West Bank. That step has been repeatedly interpreted by the government and by the Higher Court of Justice as ending the right of residents of the West Bank to apply for and receive a regular five-year passport. What emerged from this political and legal construction of citizenship rights is a rather fuzzy situation that transformed literally overnight a segment of Jordanian citizens into something in between. The principal shortcoming of this newly created regime on citizenship rights is the absence till this late hour of a law that would provide legal credence to this new policy. What adds to the complexity of this reconstruction is that any new legislation or amendment to an old law cannot have a retroactive effect. In theory, therefore, Jordanians who ceased to be regarded as Jordanians in the wake of the 1988 decision can challenge any ruling that took away their citizenship in a retroactive manner. This legal maze stresses the need to have the government and Parliament sit together and make some legal sense of the new rules on passport privileges and rights. Otherwise, the issue would remain with us with the door remaining wide open for legal challenges on both domestic and international levels.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily hailed Saudi Arabia's declared intentions of mending fences with Jordan, describing Saudi foreign minister's announcement of his plans to visit Jordan before the Gulf Cooperation Council meeting as a practical move towards opening a new chapter in his country's relations with the Kingdom. Indeed, the Saudi foreign minister's planned visit and an announcement that the Saudi ambassador will shortly return to his post in Amman mark a positive development which would pave the way for further improvement in relations between Jordan and the rest of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, said Mahmoud Rimawi. The writer said that it would not be logical at all to see Israel establishing ties with the Arab states while these countries are in disarray and divided over petty issues and unable to solve any of their problems, added the writer. He said strong Saudi-Jordanian relations can belp reestablish solidarity among the Arab countries. Furthermore, said the writer, the announcement by the Gulf Cooperation Council countries to attend the Middle East and North Africa economic conference in Amman next month adds further impetus to the ongoing efforts to improve relations among Arab countries, which, he said, ought to mobilise their political and economic potentials to strengthen the Arab Nation's stand in the new world order.

A WRITER in Al Dustour commented on the current Arab League council meeting in Cairo, which is discussing what is called the Arab code of honour, among other draft projects and said that such code remains meaningless as long as the Arab countries are in their current condition. Taher Adwan said that Jordan does not harbour support for such code in view of the divisions among the Arab countries, the sanctions on some of them and the hostile attitudes on the part of some Arab countries' leaders towards one another. The Gulf Cooperation Council states are in consensus over their joint enmity towards Iraq, which remains under the crippling effects of the U.N. sanctions; Algeria is riven with civil strife; Sudan is almost isolated in the Arab World due to alliances between Arab and non-Arab states against Khartoum; and the Palesti-

remain hostage to Israel's whims and conspiracies while Libya deports the Palestinians who had helped build the country over the past decades. How can the Arab League endorse this Arab code of honour in the light of the present situation? Asked the writer. He said Jordan, which is wedge atween besieged Iraq and the occupied Arab territoric does not feel it is right to approve such code which can by no means help restore solidarity between Arab countries.

Jordanian Perspective

By Dr. Musa Keilani

Moving towards a Syrian-Israeli peace

IN THE run-up to next month's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) summit, the apparent deadlock in the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese negotiations is disturbing in view of the reality that Syria and Lebanon will not be participating io the summit, which is easily described as a landmark for regional economic cooperation. It goes without saying that the full potential of regional economic cooperation cannot be realised without the participation of

all parties in the region. The absence of Syria and Lehanon would be felt at the Oct. 29-31 conference in Amman.

A million different explanations could be offered as to why the Syrian-Israeli and Lehanese-Israeli tracks of negotiations have not made a hreakthrough nearly four years after the Middle East peace process was launched in Madrid.

We in Jordan would not want to advise the Syrian and Lehanese leaderships on how to exercise their political options. At the same time, the international reality today prompts us to point out that frank and open dialogue. taking in all aspects of a conflict, is the right avenue to pursue. Having said that, however, neither the facts of the conflict between Syria and Israel and Lebanon and Israel nor the moves that Israel has to adopt to make real peace can be side-stepped. Israel has to completely dismantle its settlements on the Golan Heights, relinquish the strategic plateau to Syria and withdraw all its forces from its self-styled "security one" in South Lebanon and return the territory to Lebanese sovereignty. It is the Syrian and Lebanese rights to demand that no trace of Israeli presence or control is left behind in their territories at the end of the day. It might make sense for Israel to maintain ambiguity over the extent of withdrawal from the Golan - seeking a Syrian commitment to "total peace" - and attach conditions to relinquishing the "security zone" in Lebanon. But that does not make much sense to us simply because it is like pointing a gun at your enemy and insist that he start loving you.

What the layman on the street does not recognise or appreciate is simple and clear: The Golan is territory occupied in war and Israel should not attach any conditions for its return. If Syria does not want to deal with Israel as a neighbour - with all that it entails - that is Syria's choice and decision and Israel should respect it and leave Syria alone after securing ioternational guarantees that Syria

would not use the Golan militarily against the Jewish state. If anything, the stated Israeli fears of the Golan being turned to a staging post for another war in the Middle East

even after making peace with Syria are unfounded. The regime in Syria is realistic and pragmatic to realise the

On the other band, Damascus would be better off realising the essence of time. True that the status quo helps the Damascus regime to maintain a hardline stand and underline its "pan-Arab" principles and pride. But the reality cannot be overlonked that it may not be so opportune for a deal with Israel based on the restoration of

the Golan to Syrian sovereignty once the election campaign starts in earnest in Israel and the United States next year. It is only half true when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak says that Syrian leader Hafez Al Assad cannot, and will oot, be scared ioto making a deal. The other half is that the Syrian leader does set find any incentive to make that the Syrian leader does not find any incentive to make peace at Israel's terms. Beyond that is the underlying political sentiment that making peace with Israel after all of Syria's demand are fulfilled might lead to an inevitable relaxation of the iron-grip the regime has on power in

Despite the negativism that surrounds the Syrian-Israeli tracks, we cannot overlouk than over the past two years the Damascus government has given every indication of preparing the Syrians for eventual peace with Israel. The Syrian countryside is dotted with suggestions of the rewards of peace but at Syria's terms. The net picture that emerges is a little confused at best. It seems that Syria wants peace. but it insists on what it sees as its own honour and dignity — bye-words for continued assertions that Syria represents pan-Arabism and nationalism.

We in Jordan are aware, more than anyone else in the Arab World, of the importance of pan-Arabism and oationalism. We have made peace with Israel without making any concessions on our concept of, respect for, and commitment to pan-Arabism and nationalism. We hope Syria recognises that peace is also made among the hrave without losing face and it is only a matter of appreciating the international order as it stands today before the realisation dawns that peace can be made without sacrificing principles.

As to Israel, it is time that the leaders of the Jewish state realised that they simply canoof continue to talk from what they consider as a position of strength and come to terms with the fact that the Golan is Syrian and it has to be returned to Syria and that it is Syria's choice whether to accept Israel as a good neighbour after the two parties sign

Long live Saddam Hussein?

By Thomas L. Friedman

WASHINGTON - Which Arab leader would you say is most likely to remain in power loogest? Well, if you were to answer that ques-tion on the basis of which Arab leader had the most colleagues rooting for him, the answer would be obvious: It would not be Hosni Mubarak, or King Hus-sein, or Yasser Arafat: It would be Saddam Hussein. That's right. Saddam Hussein may look as if he's in trouble, and he could fall tomorrow or in the year 2010. But whenever he goes, be sure of one thing: more leaders in the Middle East will put on a black tie and mourn his passing than for any of his colleagues.

This would be funny if it weren't so tragic: while the Clinton administration is working and praying for Saddam's demise, most of his fellow rulers like him just the way he is. That is, stroog enough to hold Iraq together, weak eoough oot to threaten his neighbours, embargoed enough not to be able to sell too much oil and caged enough not to be a factor in inter-Arab politics. That is a Saddam that serves a lot of people's in-terests, and the Clinton administratioo is fooling it-

self if it thinks otherwise. To understand why, you first have to understandwho are the likely alternatives to Saddam, Check the list. Thomas Jefferson's name is not on it. If Saddam is toppled, there are three likely alternatives. The first is no one. In this scenario the Iraqi state disintegrates into Kurdish, Shote and Sunni pieces after Saddam's grip is broken. The second scenario is that Saddam will ... be succeeded by Saddam that is by another relative or army general equally

nasty, because, some argue, the only way to keep Iraq united is by repressing Iraqis at home and threatening their neighbours abroad. The third possibility, the one the U.S. is counting on, is that a "nice" Saddam will come along — some en-lightened Iraqi authoritarian, strong enough to hold lraq together but nice enough to accommodate himself to the Arab-Israeli peace process, regional sta-bility and Western ecoco-

mic interests. Bnt it is precisely a nice Saddam who would be most threatening to his neighbours. Just go down the list. The last thing Syria wants is a "nice" pro-American Iraq that is ready to join the Arab-Israeli peace process ahead of Syria. An Iraq ready to reconcile with Israel only puts more pressure on Damascus to do the same. Syria's strategic nightmare is an Iraq that is on good terms with Israel and Jordan, leaving Syria isolated.

Egypt? The Egyptians still have not adjusted to the fact that they have lost their monopoly as the only Arabs with close ties to Israel, the U.S. and the Arab World. President Mubarak is already enraged at Jordan for usurping this unique Egyptian role. The last thing Egypt wants is a nice Iraq that returns to the Arab fold and joins Jordan as a competitor with Cairo for primacy in the Arab

Saudi Arabia? Get out vour calculator. A nice Iraq is an Iraq no longer under U.N. embargo and that Iraq would immediately export one to two million barrels of oil a day, which the world market doesn't need. Oil experts say the day Iraq re-enters the world market, the price of oil drops from \$18 to \$14 a barrel. Saudi Arabia pumps eight million barrels a day. So a nice Saddam costs the Saudis \$32 millioo a day, or \$11.7 billion a year. Sorry, not worth it. Especially sioce

opposing an evil Saddam gives Saudi Arabia an important role in U.S. military portant role in U.S. military planning. As long as Sad-dam is a threat, the Saudis know that Washington will never put Saudi Arabia's human rights abuses under * spotlight.

Iran too loves Saddam.

The last thing Iran wants is a nice Iraq, which then leaves Iran as the only bad boy in the neighbourhood, whose misbehaviour everyone will then focus upon. And then there is some-

thing all these Middle East

leaders have in common. They hate change: the disintergration of Iraq terrifies all of them because it raises the prospect of independeot, irredentist Sbiite, Sunni and Kurdish enclaves, each trying to con-nect with disaffected brethren in other countries. And democracy in Iraq, as uolikely as that might be, is equally terrifying because the last thing Syria, Iran and Saudi Arabia want is a democratic Iraq that would

glasnost. Yes, Saddam is an evil man, but he's got so many people praying for him each night be could still end up going to heaven.

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The Washington Post

A signal to Beijing about transition in Hong Kong

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — The results for directly elected seats (ooe-third of the total) in Hoog Kong's Legislative Council are a resounding rejection of the party backed hy Beijing, the Demo-cratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, or DAB, and of candidates who enjoyed its informal support.

Beijing, or factions there with their own ageoda, may portray the election results as a victory for "anti-Chioa" forces infected by Western liberal political theories that could spread across the border. But if wisdom prevails, China will see the hallot numbers for what they are: An expression of Hong Kong's desire for the autonomy promised to it in the Chinese-British Joint Declaration and China's Basic Law governing Hong Kong after the 1997 transfer of sovereignty.

The voters decisively rejected Beijing-backed candidates precisely because they were perceived not to be standing up for Hong Kong's interests.

Some of the DAB candidates had excellent records of public service and fighting for rights other than to make money. They scored highly in

opioiou polls for being honest, articulate and sincere. Many voters hoped that DAB success would make Beijing more tolerant of the democratic process. Yet even the party's leader. Tsang Yok-Siog, lost by a big margin.

Radio callers suggested that an election morning statement by Xinhua, China's representative orga-nisation in Hong Kong, that the election would mean nothing anyway was a final nail in DAB hopes.

Beijing is now likely to make several claims to justify its already anoounced intention to replace this Legislative Council with one chosen through proces-ses more to its liking. First it will point out that only 36 per ceot of registered voters turned ont. The "silent majority," it will claim, is not interested in this Western-style democracy. Beijing has half a point.

The election outcome is not out of line with opinion polls of majority views. Elections are new to Hong Kong. Some citizens saw the voting as a futile exercise, since China would do whatever it wanted anyway.

Others did oot vote because the systém is still so geared al constituencies." to sectional interests through the so-called "functional constituency" system that it scarcely merits the

adjective "democratic."
But despite Beijing's attacks on the system, the DAB did contest, fighting hard. At least as far as Mr. Tsang was concerned, the party was gracious in de-feat. The DAB realises that it lost not because of lack of grass-roots organisation, or because of poor candidates, but simply because of the taint of lack of independ-

Will it stay with the political process and try to make a better job of representing Hoog Kong in-terests? Or will it abandon current politics and wait to be installed by the party bosses in Beijing as the "majority" party in Hong Kong?

The temptation in Beijing to "punish" Hong Kong for daring to display autonomy will be strong. But it will almost certainly be unwise. Despite the victory of the Democrats, Beijing has nothing much to fear from the new Legislative Council, where conservative and pro-Beijing forces are strongly represented by the

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Secondly, the bloc of democrats is now sufficiently large and cohesive that any attempt to eliminate them from the political process will eheit sharp reaction from their strongest supporters - the middleiocome groups.
. One fact to stand out in

voting patterns was the high voter turnout in upper maddle-income areas. These are the people with some money and foreign passports who will vote with their feet and move to Canada, the United States or elsewhere if their elected representatives in Hong Kong are to be treated as In the back of their

minds, some of the party bosses in Beijing may want just that - to see the back of those Hong Kongers most infected with foreign and bourgeois liberal tendencies. But if Beijing wants a smooth transition, it will accept that the election was an accurate though reflection of what Hong Kong wants and currentiy thinks about Beijing's local acolytes.

International Herald Tri-

THE WEEK IN PRINT Israel must recognise

that Hebron is an Arab city

By Elia Nasrallah

THE LOCAL Arabic dailies last week discussed the situation in Hebron in the occupied Arah territories, Libya's deportation of Palestinians among other

issues. WRITING in Al Ra'i daily, Sultan Al Hattab said that there is no logic in delaying the implementation of the second phase of the Oslo agreement hecause 400 Jewish settlers in Hebroo should not block the path of peace. The writer said that Hehron is an Arah city where 400 Jews live in the midst of more than 100,000 Arabs who rightly refuse the Jewish presence hecause this means a perpetuation of Israeli occupation. He said that the issue of Hehron should not be delayed until the final stage of the negotiations and the Arah countries should not remain passive and reluctant in supporting the Palestinian stand in this matter. The Palestinian negotiators need the support of the Arah countries and the world community in their right stand and in their struggle to secure the Palestinian people's rights.

H A M A D E H FARAANEH, a writer in Al Dustour, said that the Palestinian negotiators proved to be patient and determined to regain Palestinian rights in Hebron and are no more anxious to end the talks quickly with the Israeli side because they are not pressed for time and not seeking a settlement at any price. The writer said that the Palcestinian leadership has realised the weaknesses of the Rabin government and its hesitance in the negotiations because of their apprehension of the Likud opposition party. It seems, said the writer, that the Palestinians are determined to secure the implementation of the Oslo agreement in all its provisions and are not concerned about meeting a particular deadline to

achieve that goal. Commenting on the Peres-Arafat negotiations in Taba, Ahmad Misleb said that the Hebron question, which the two leaders are discussing, represents a miniature of the whole Palestinian issue. The Israelis want to partition the city as they have been trying to partition Palestinian lands in such a manner which would best serve the Israeli interests and not those of Palestinians, said the writer in Al Ra'i. He said that the Palestinians should not be left alone without backing from the Arabs and Muslims, who consider Hebron a sacred city for Islam. Neither should the United States remain passive regarding Israeli obstacles which are blocking the expansion of the self-rule areas as provided for in the Oslo agreement, he said.

ter in Al Dustour, said the Palesticians should have insisted during the secret talks in Oslo that the Israeli government remove at least the Israeli political settlements before signing the deal. The writer said that Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had pledged to remove these settlements hut has reneged on his promises and is hesitant ab-out pulling out 400 Jewish settlers from amidst 100,000 Palestinians in Hebron. The writer said that the settlers are actually seizing by force a number of homes in Hebron and it is time for the Israeli government to end this situation so as to pave the way for the implementation of the second phase of the Oslo deal with the Palestinians.

Taher Al Adwan, a wri-

Discussing the plight of the Palestinians driven out of Libya, a writer in Al Ra'i said that this outrageous act on the part of the Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi should be condemned by the world community. The expulsion reveals the racist character of Mr. Qadhafi. who is behaving in an inhuman manner and against norms and humanitarian principles, said Mahmoud Rimawi.

Hilmi Al Asmar, a writer in Al Sabeel weekly, attack-

ed the Lihyan leadership for expelling the Palesti-nians, saying that it was stupid on the part of Mr. Qadhafi to believe that the Israelis would open the door for the deported Palestinians to return to

their homeland. By expelling the Palesti-nians, Mr. Qadhafi has aggravated the Palestinian people's sufferings and this action has hackfired on the Lihyans themselves, who are now condemend by the whole Arah Nation. In fact, Mr. Qadhafi has set a bad example for other Arab countries that could follow suit and deport the Palesti-nians, he said. The writer said that one should not blame other nations, which are conducting ethnic cleansing measures in Bos-nia and Kashmir against the Muslims because Arabs and Muslims are themselves practising ethnic cleansing against their kinsmen.

It is regrettable to see the Arah World mistreating Palestinians, said Samir Otami, a writer in Al Ra'i. What sin could have the Palestinian children and women committed against Lihya to be treated in this shameful manner? asked

the writer. Criticising the Western countries, particularly the United States, for breaking their promises of providing Jordan with financial aid as a reward for concluding a peace treaty with Israel, a writer in Al Ra'i said that the Western states are instead offering to encourage their private sectors to embark on investments in Jordan,

Pretending that it is fight-ing a battle with the Congress in order to provide Jordan with a meagre financial assistance, the U.S. administration is trying to deceive the Kingdom into believing that it is the Congress which opposes sup-porting the Kingdom, said Fahed Al Fanck. While Washington provides more than \$5 billion in annual aid to Egypt and Israel for making peace, it is offering Jordan a trivial amount of \$7.5 million, he said. We would be fooling ourselves if we believed that the Middle East and North Africa economic conference in Amman would secure the aspired investments because the private investors cannot come up with the required funds for our development and are not obliged to offer us assistance because foreign investors seek their own interests first. He said we should admit that Washington had let us down and it is taking us for granted as allies for

Samih Maaita, a writer in Al Sabeel, criticised the government for delaying the release of a group of Islamists from Muta University who had been accused of anti-state and sabotage activities, but were acquitted by court. Despite the lapse of six months since the verdict by the Court of Cassation acquitted the group, the government is still detaining them for no reason or justification, said the writer.

A writer in Al Dustour said that the Press and Publication Law is obsolete and no more suitable for the present day. Mohammad Daoud said that the country needs a new law that would deal with social and political and economic changes and developments and which is more capable of contributing to the work of researchers in culture and media affairs. The writer said that the press and publication department in advanced nations direct their attention to research and study and towards providing advice on the best means of ensuring cultural and social advancement. The department in Jordan, on the other hand, is restricting its work to issuing licences to newspapers. monitoring what is being published and imposing penalties on the violators of the law. Instead, he suggested, the Press and Publication Department ought to direct its attention towards contributing to the development process in the

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old father of four who spent most of the last 15 years in Brookline, returned to this village in the stunning hills above Jericho, pulled together \$1 million from relatives and launched the first Palestinian beer brewery in history.

You might well ask: What kind of a businessman stakes his future on an alcoholic beverage in a society that is 95 per cent Muslim? Mr. Khoury, who is Christian and still co-owns Foley's Liquors in

Brookline with his hrother, said plenty of beer is drunk in the West Bank. Millions of bottles a year are consumed there, he said, nearly all of it Israeli.

sign that the emerging cious. And it is no ordinary autonomous entity in Gaza commercial beer. Heavily

Brewing a novelty in the West Bank

By Ethan Bronner and the West Bank has a future as a modern, pluralis-TAYBEH, Israeli

tic state. "This has been my dream for years. Right now we are depending mostly on word of mouth," Mr. Khoury said, stainless-steel gleaming around him, as he walked the 10,000-squarefoot hrewery that he built from scratch on family land over the past year.

"I've had some posters printed. I'm working on the possibility of billboards. Yasser Arafat bas given us his blessing. Palestinians will take great pride in their first beer. And tourists

always like to try the local brew, so I'm convinced we bave a bright future."

For the past month, the ancient terraced Samarian hills of this village 15 miles northeast of Jerusalem have been filled with the peculiar and pungent odor of yeast and bops and malted harley as the hrewery bas begun itswork in earnest: Three days a week, they brew, two days a week, they bottle. At the moment, they produce 3,000 bottles an bour.

Taybeh beer is named after its hometown, an Mr. Khoury suggested Arabic word that means. that his success will be a good or fine but also deli-

influenced by the microbrewery boom in the United States, Mr. Khoury is producing an all natural beer in the Samnel Adams mode_

And a man who has clearly read plenty of American menus and labels describing such things as "farm fresh eggs" is pushing his product as "the fresb, flavourful alternative to imported

He has imported all the equipment and materials from Europe and the United States and even a chief brewer, Mark Hamon, 29. An MIT graduate with experience from both Cambridge Brewing and Commonwealth Brewing in Boston, Mr. Hamon has been bere since November, setting things up and training the locals in such key terms as wort (the clarified liquid containing malted barley sugar) and sparging (leeching water through the

On many days, the blond, boyish looking Hamon, who is studying Arabic, can be seen in his Bugle Boy khakis twisting valves, pouring hops and fussing over his brew. "It's a craft," Mr. Hamon said, "a safe way for a man to get into

the kitchen."

grains to collect sugars).

Mr. Khoury has come up. with a motto he hopes is evocative of a larger political struggle. His posters demand rather cryptically and yet snmebnw familiar-

"Drink locally, think

globally." He said his beer is, as its label declares, "the best in the Middle East," which may be true, but is a modest distinction in a reginn where only a handful of

countries brew their own. Taybeb is less fizzy and a touch more bitter than the beers typically drunk around here, and it might take some time to get used

This, in any case, is the view of Khader Yusuf, head waiter at the Jerusalem Hotel across from the walled Old City. On a recent late afternoon, Yusuf, who does not drink because be is Muslim, said tourists are enthusiastic about Taybeh because it is local, but that is not necessarily

"Mostly, the Arabs say it needs more gas," the 34-year-old said in the hotel's garden pnh, a poster of Taybeb Beer plastered on a fig tree nearby. "Some say" it's soft. The tourists like it bowever. For a long time,

true of Palestinians.

tourists have been asking if we bave a local beer. I'm proud now to say we do."

A customer, Jennifer Moorehead, 27, of Grand Rapids, Mich., said she prefers it to Israeli beer, "It's a bit malty," she said, "but it's new, lighter, like the Grand Rapids Brewing Co. back bome.

Mr. Khoury is doing the marketing himself. Portable phone in his pocket, he drives around Jerusalem and the West Bank to hotels, restaurants and minimarkets persuading owners to buy a

few cases and take pride in a local product. So far, it has gone pretty well. He said he has received no threats from Muslim mili-

Bassil Freij, of the Freij minimarket in East Jerusalem, said be bought 10 cases two weeks ago and bas sold half of them already, despite the fact that Taybeh is about 30 per cent more expensive than the main Israeli brand, Maccabee.

Mr. Khoury, who attended Hellenic College in Brookline, as did his brother David, 39, said that it was while working in liquor stores that he started homebrewing beer. He began dreaming about building a brewery in Taybeh, where his family bas lived for 450 years. David, who is still managing Foley's in Brookline, is expected back

One measure of their success will be if they can market their beer in Israel. They have not really tried, except the Arab town of Nazareth, where much interest was expressed.

Their father, Canaan

Khoury, a businessman, is thrilled that his soils and families are coming bome. They are a prominent clan in this Christian village of 1,300 and, as much as be loves Boston - his daughter, Buthina, went to Massachusetts College of Art, and even his father, the former Orthodox priest of the village, visited Boston before World War II - he would have been beartbroken to lose his boys to it permanently.

As Nadim said as he looked out over the Samarian hills, "I miss Boston. But there is nothing like coming bome"— The

Turkmen ends Jordan visit

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have always worked to make this integration a reality of our lives." Prince Hassan said at the ceremony, which was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh and Japanese Ambassador to Amman Takayukji Kimura, whose country financed the building of the school.

Prince Hassan recalled the effort that Jordan exerted in cooperation with UNRWA to alleviate the plight of the refugees and the displaced

Noting the progress that Baqaa witnessed since 1968, he said Jordan's determination was successful in providing comfort to Palestinians in the camps.

The Prince noted that while 40 per cent of the agency's operations are in Jordan, UNRWA spends only 20 per cent of its expenditure in the Kingdom.

Addressing the situation of Educational Sciences Faculty, which UNRWA had decided to close but then postponed the closure for one year, Prince Hassan said he hoped that UNRWA would find an international donor to finance the continuation of the college's operation. He said Jordan will support the

agency in this endeavour.
UNRWA had decided to shut down the faculty for hudgetary constraints but then reversed its decision af-

ter consultations with the government and the Palesti-

tional) peace plan but some

which now holds about 50 per

cent of the country.
Mr. Milutinovic denied

suggestions there had been a

sacret deal between Belgrade

and Zagreb, with or without

Sarajevo's knowledge, to

allow forces of the Croat-

Muslim federation to seize

settle) do not present any

said, "there will not be any

problem. Of course the fo-

ture of some villages will have to be settled, but not of

Mr. Milutinovic warned

that current bloodshed would

seem like mere "bows and

arrows" if Serbia were suck-

Nations' responsibilities in the framework of education should not be restricted to the continuation of providing services as well as social and psychological security to UN-RWA workers, but should go beyond that to include the improvement and the development of the teachers' situation," Prince Hassan

Addressing the ceremony, Mr. Turkmen reviewed the progress achieved by the agency's schools since 1968, noting that special donations UNRWA received in 1985 enabled it to build its first cement school in Baqaa

He said that UNRWA was building another school in the camp and once this project was completed, the agency would have gotten rid of all its prefabricated buildings in order to provide students with a better learning environment.

Mr. Turkmen added that the school in Bagaa camp provides a special programme for hearing-impaired students and that UNRWA will establish a special educationcentre for students with learning difficulties.

Ambassador Kimura, whose country donated the \$78,000 spent on the school, said that Japan believes that supporting the education pro-cess will build a new era of peace and prosperity.

The Baqaa camp school for girls is the second school to nian National Authority. be funded by Japan after a boys' school in Jerash camp.

war of bows and arrows — I

Tempers flare as secession campaign intensifies

By David Crary The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Somehow, it's all very Canadian: a war of secession in which name-calling substitutes for violence. But civility is under strain as Quebec heads for an independence

referendum in six weeks. Quebec's separatists were supposed to be floundering by now, according to the political wisdom that prevailed earlier this year in the rest of Canada Instead, opinion polls show a virtual dead heat as 4.9 million Quebec voters - about 82 per cent of them French-speaking -prepare tn cast ballots Oct.

30. "For this first time. English-speaking Canada is realising the 'yes' side could win," said Monique Simard, a tnp-ranking organiser of the independence campaign. "The 'no' side had been very confident, and suddenly they're realising that every vote counts." What had been a wearisome constitutional debate

grows more passionate by the day. Dramatic 'oui'

and "non" billboards plead for votes, allegations of racism and treason multiply, the Canadian dollar plum-

mets in response to rumours of separatist gains. Even the sports world is affected. Manitoba native-Mike Keane, newly instal-led captain of the Montreal Canadiens, kindled a firestorm of outrage when he casually remarked that he had no need to learn French

because his hockey teammates - mostly Franophones — speak English. For decades: French Quebeckers have nursed frustrations and struggled with divided loyalties. Most have some fondness for Canada, yet feel themselves victims of broken promises by English-speakers who never fully acknowledged Quebec's distinctive nationbood rooted in its begin-

nings as a colony founded

by France.

Canadians and Quebeckers don't live very close to each other, geographically or psychicly," said Desmond Morton. director of the Institute for Canadian Studies at McGill University, "People here don't hold the same political values; they don't get the same political messages."

To Canadians elsewhere, the common feeling is that Quebec already has benefited from special treatment, notably federal permission to impose French as the province's sole official language. Jean-Marc Leger, head of a Montreal polling firm, says 80 per cent of Canadians outside Quebec think the province deserves no special treat-

Within Quebec's French community, however, there is virtual unanimity that the province merits a unique status. The split is over whether to seek this special status as part of Canada or

as a sovereign nation.
"What we're seeking is the power to continue to exist," Ms. Simard said at the 'yes' campaign headquarters in Montreal. "It's hard for a majority group on this continent to understand. Without sovereignty, we're doomed to be an eiernal minority, or to dis-

The federal government. headed by Quebec-born Prime Minister Jean Chretien, insists the separatists will lose. Mr. Cbretien, fond of citing surveys ranking Canada as the world's most livable nation, asks why anyone would want to leave and refuses to speculate publicly about the con-

sequences of a "yes" vic-The consequences would likely be shattering. Mr. Chretien would face pressure to resign, and Canada would be forced into awkward negotiations with Quebec over such trouble-. some issues as sharing the national debt and rearrang-.

ing internal trade.
"Voting 'yes' is a risky
adventure that will bring economic upheaval," said Daniel Johnson, leader of the Quebec branch of Mr. Chremen's Liberal Pary. He contends separation would saddle Quebeckers with higher mortgage and car

Mr. Johnson also accused the separatists of a botched dirty trick, leaking a phony document purporting to suggest that the liberals want to reinstate English as an official language in

Some anti-separatist rhetoric is much harsher.

"It's time for people who love this country to stand up and expose separatists for what they are - traitors who will stoop to any level to get their way," said an editorial in the Timmons

Press, an Ontario daily. Ms. Simard said she is well aware of the exasperation of English-speaking Canadians, many of whom resent Canada's bilingual

policies.
They ask why they should pay to have French on their corn flakes box in the morning. For them, it's a nuisance," she said. "There is a profound ignor-ance about what Quebec is

all about." While separatists represent a majority of French Juebeckers, the lose the referendum because of overwhelming opposition to independence among the province's English-speakers and "Allophnnes" - immigrants whose first language is not French. Of Quebec's 7 million people - almost

population — about 18 per cent are not French. There are worries that immigrants may face recri-

recent years, the military dis-

played Soviet-era T-62 and T-55 tanks, many of them

the war, Iranian-built eagle

missiles, mobile radar sys-

tems and 155-mm artillery as

warplanes roared overhead.

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of the air raid siren that

warned Iranians of the war 15

Thousands of Iranians.

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to the square, watched a sky-

diving display and were sho-

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formance of the economy in

nomic growth in 1994 was 5.7

per cent, per capita income

was \$1200 and inflation rate

was 4.5 per cent. Deficit in

the public expenditures grew

forms, the report placed Jor-

dan in the second place. "Jor-

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the areas of macroeconomic

stability. Bias against agricul-

ture, education and labour

regulations, while it has a

very advanced financial sec-

tor and needs privatisation in

the public sector to be

accelerated," the report said.

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At 2:15 p.m. (10.45 GMT),

one-fourth of Canada's

mination if the "yes" side narrowly loses the referen-

One minority group is not waiting until Oct. 30 to speak out. Quebec's 7,000 lnuits - formerly known as Eskimos — plan their own referendum four days earlier with the avowed intention of rejecting separatism. The Inuits have threatened a secession of their own if forced into an independent

At .McGill - bastion of Montreal's Englishspeaking community - Mr. Morton dreads a break-up of Canada. 'It would be ever so

sad," he said. "It humiliates us in the eyes of the world. It messes up not too bad a

But among separatists. many of them veterans of a losing referendum campaign in 1980, there is a sense of exhilaration. "Very seldom in history

do people have the opporrunity to decide in a democratic and peaceful way if they want their own country." Ms. Simard said. "It's the most important political decision they will ever

ed into the war. "At the moment we are very close to peace. We can reach peace very fast, practically tomorrow," Mr. Miluti-

any key points."

novic said. "There are many wbo would really like to see Serbia in this war. As far as we

Kabariti reports on his contacts in Cairo

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part in the Barcelona summit, which, he said; will come up with a declaration of principles on political, security, economic, financial and social relations between the members of the European

Union and non-EU countries of the Mediterranean region. He noted that Israel will be part of this regional partærship. Answering a question on

the reservations by some Arab parties on Jordan's regional role, Mr. Kabariti said: "Jordan is not a country that is measured by its size or. by its population. It considers itself as a cause and message and insists on playing its full

"It does not and will not accept any belittling of its he added. Mr. Kabariti told reporters

in Cairo on Thursday that critics of Jordan's Iraqi policy were operating double stan-We don't understand how

it can be said that accepting (Iraqi defector) Hussein Kamel is interference in Iraqi affairs while it is not said that accepting Samarrai and Mohammad Bager Al Hakim in other Arab countries is interference in Iraqi affairs." Major General Wafiq Al

Samarrai is an Iraqi intelligence chief who defected last year and has since spent time in Syria. Sheikh Hakim, head of the mainly Shi ite Supreme ouncil of the Islamic Revolntion in Iraq, has met Syrian President Hafez Al

There is a kind of bypocrisy and duplicity in the political dialogue," Mr. Kabariti

The Arab League Council meeting ended late Thors-

day, failing to agree on adoption of a peace pledge to avoid future inter-Arab con-

Because of remarks from several Arab countries, the ministers have postponed until their next session due in March, the adoption of a draft pact of honour on Arah security and cooperation," Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdul leguid told reporters.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak first proposed the pact in March which aims to prevent regional crises such as the August 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and set up an Arab court of justice to rule on disputes.

Before the 22 Arab League members opened talks in the Egyptian capital on Wednesday, there had been bopes that after three months of debate the draft pledge would finally be adopted. Egypt pushed ministers to

be first submitted to a summit of Arab leaders. Arab beads of state have not met since just after the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, and Dr. Abdul Meguid said holding another one "at this time seems impossible and

adopt the pledge draft, but Syria and Iraq insisted it must

risks aborting the project."
But several ministers refused to see the postponement as a failure. "It is in the interests of the

guarantee a joint commitment to respect it," said Mr. Sharaa of Syria. The Arab Maghreb Union also put forward an annex to the draft calling for a crisis

prevention mechanism simi-

Arab Nation to study more

closely this draft in order to

lar to one adopted by the Organisation of African Uni-

Mr. Sbaraa attacked the MENA summit, saying the main beneficiaries would be Israelis.

Syria refuses to take part in the multilateral track of Middle East peace talks, saying they give Israel the reward of regional recognition before it has returned Arab land.

Arah diplomats said Egypt was lukewarm about the Amman summit because it is not in Cairo.

Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ben Mubarak Al Khalifa echoed Arah concerns about Israeli economic penetration when he told reporters he could not accept a Middle East market in which only one side bene-

Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Osman Mohammad Taha, whose country is hardly on speaking terms with Egypt, came to Cairo seeking reconciliation but Egypt gave him a cold shoulder.

Egypt says Sndan belped the men who tried to kill President Hosni Mubarak in Addis Ababa in June. Sndan denies it.

The Palestinians won a slight concession from Lebanon which agreed to let back into the country those visiting relatives in Libya when a wave of expulsions started at the beginning of the month.

But Dr. Abdul Meguid said Beirut was still refusing to lift visa restrictions on others, even those with Lebanese travel documents. hit by a Libyan decision to throw out 30,000 Palestinian

Iran urges army to be alert

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The emphasis in the parade Ruhollah Khomeini, founder was on "popular" forces, which Iranian leaders have marked the day that Iran says relied on heavily in domestic . Iraq invaded in 1980. and foreign conflicts.

A large number of the volunteer Islamic militiamen. the Basij, were deployed in the parade. They are usually reserved for anniversaries of , captured from Iraq during the 1979 Islamic revolution. The workers' militia was

also present in the march, in which dozens of armoured vehicles, missiles and artillery pieces were displayed. Trucks carried speedboats manned by naval units, but the air force was absent.

During a parade in April to mark the 16th anniversary of the revolution. a plane crashed in a busy district of Tehran, killing or wounding several people.

The parade through the square festooned with giant portraits of the late Ayatollah

World Bank raises alarm (Continued from page 2) numbers of public em- Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker dur-

vears ago.

ployees. "Public sector wages range from 10 per cent of GDP in Egypt to 15 per cent in Morocco. In most countries the fiscal deficit would . Jordan bave shown that ecorise by two to five percentage points of GDP if public sector employees regained the real wage losses they bave sus-tained since the mid-1980s," the report explained.

Public servants in Jordan suffered greatly after the economic crisis in 1989 which resulted in \$7 billion of foreign debt and a devaluation of over 40 per cent of the Jordanian dinar. They have received two raises in wages since 1992 and are promised of a third raise with the start of the 1995/1997 fiscal year as was stated by Prime Minister (Continued from page 2)

of the Islamic republic. In the parade, one of the be a positive sign." biggest seen in Tehran in

on Amnesty's report.

still high. The report also describes alleged killings of prisoners

is holding up approval of a customs union because of alleged human rights abuses in Turkey, including imprisonment of political opponents and torture.

lian supporters.

Israel, PLO

"They are going to sign there (in Taba) and here we

U.S. supports

Amnesty said "the organisation considers these courageous first steps away from the traditional policy of blank denial - to

The Turkish government had no immediate comment

The organisation said a new report shows the number of deaths in custody in Turkey as a result of torture, as well as those due to "disappearances" and political killings" show some reduction" in the first eight months of 1995, although they are

continued abuses by armed opposition groups, including and civilians by the Kurdish Labour Party and punishment killings by the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front. The European Parliament

Many of the alleged incidents are linked to the army's battle against Kurdish separatist guernillas and their civi-

put off deal

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are going to discuss the prisoners issue." Mr. Sarid said. Our Palestinian friends would like clarifications on the exact number of the prisoners who are going to be released and when."

land will have to be handed am speaking figuratively back," Mr. Milutinovic said. The peace plan worked out

Bosnia front stabilises

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ly correspond to the (interna- made it would no longer be a

all means would be used," he said, "And this war would by the contact group gives 49 per cent of Bosnian territory not end quickly." A senior Russian diplomat to a self-proclaimed Serb re-public and 51 per cent in the was quoted by Interfax news Croat-Muslim federation,

agency as saying Russia will veto any possible replace-ment of U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia with a NATO force that would enforce a peace settlement. Moscow will not hesitate to

use its right of veto as it opposes the "transfer of the (U.N.) mandate to a force entirely made up of NATO forces," the diplomat said under cover of anonymity.

"The rest (of the issues to great difficulty. It depends on the other side, in particular the Muslims," he said.

If the principle of a division of territory was respected, he Russia was in favour bowever, of replacing the U.N. peacekeepers with a multi-national force mandated by the U.N. Security Council, the diplomat added.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Gbali said Monday he planned to recommend that the United Nations replace its peacekeepers in the devastated former Yugoslav. republic with a multi-national force for political, strategic and financial reasons.

NATO has said it wants the future force to comprise mostly U.S., British and French troops with Russian and Ukrainian contingents as well as units from Muslim nations, but Moscow has ruled out putting its troops are concerned, if the call is under NATO comment.

U.S. lawyers urge Egypt to halt attacks on human rights work

NICOSIA (AFP) — A U.S. scheduled in November. lawyers group called here Fri- "I think we will have a v day on the Egyptian government to halt its attacks on buman rights work, warning that only extremists stood to benefit from a crackdown.

"By weakening the NGO (non-governmental organisations) sector, the government is smoothing the path for demagogues and extremists. said Neil Hicks, Middle East coordinator of the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights.

"The government has responded to the threat of armed attacks by Islamic extremists by placing substan-tial restrictions on many forms of political participation and on the independence of NGOs," the New Yorkbased group said.

The group, which was bar-red from holding a video workshop in Cairo in May in coordination with the Egyptian Human Rights Organisation (EHRO), said harass-

ment was counterproductive. EHRO Secretary General Negad Al Borai, attending the rescheduled two-day workshop on the use of video technology in the Cypriot capital, warned of a worsen-

"I think we will have a very big problem after the next election," he said.

"Now civilians are being sent to military courts," said Mr. Borai, referring to the Muslim Brotherhood. Egypt's largest fundamentalist group. "I fear the next step is against human rights groups.

He said that "many of our members are now afraid. Now they are arresting our members, our lawyers. Mr. Borai pointed out that

the EHRO had no legal status as protection. "We have a de facto situation, not a legal one. The Egyptian govern-ment refuses to register us. This is a big problem.' The authorities have also

withdrawn their authorisa-

tion for EHRO reports to be sold on the market, restricting release of publications to being sent out by post, he Rights workers from

Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, a Palestinian and a Sudanese exile were taking part in the Witness Training Programme," run by the lawyers committee backed by the Reebok Foundation and rock ing crackdown after elections musician Peter Gabriel.

Jordan looks to Mideast summit for peace dividend

By Jack Redden Renter

AMMAN -- Jordan is drawing up wish lists of development projects and reserving every hotel room for a Middle East economic summit at the end of October in its biggest pitch yet for the elu-sive peace dividend.

Peace cannot last without concrete benefits." Joan Spero, a U.S. undersecretary of state, said on one of a flood of visits by foreign officials in advance of the threeday summit.

Despite doubts about the results of the Middle East and North Africa summit, a last-minute push for key leg-islation and a flurry of public-ity is hoosting Jordan's

hopes.
After a year of tortuous movement through the legislative process, parliament this month passed a law on foreign investment -- essen-

Jordan.

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The United

States and Jordan plan to

enter a bilateral investment

agreement and uodate Jor-

dan's laws on intellectual

property rights according to

American and Jordanian offi-

Clinton administration's

efforts to help Jordan after it

signed a peace treaty with

are also expected to negotiate

a separate trade agreement

under which Jordanian pro-

ducts will enjoy preferential treatment in the U.S. market

and Amman will provide re-

ciprocal status of selected

the Department of Com-

merce, asserted that the

administration was finding it

difficult to extend outright

financial aid to Jordan as it

did for Egypt when Cairo

signed the Camp David peace

accord with Israel and invest-

ment and trade agreements

were the alternatives that

should benefit Jordan much

"The era of bigh infusions of aid is gone," Mr. Kalicki

said at a roundtable with

Jordanian economic analysts

and journalists after talks

with Jordanian officials on

preparations for the Middle

East and North Africa

(MENA) economic summit

scheduled to be held in Am-

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He said Washington was

man next month.

better in the long-term.

Jan Kalicki, a counsellor at

American products.

Washington and Amman

Israel in October 1994.

The move is part of the

tial for attracting foreign

capital. The law, so overdue a text for use at the summit had to go to the printer before it was passed, in effect removed a former 49 per cent ceiling on foreign ownership in com-

That came at an opportune time for five U.S. ambassa-dors to Middle East countries touring the United States to stir investor interest, a demonstration of Washington's desire to help Jordan and its own businessmen.

An annual report on world economies also seemed aimed at the summit. Its survey included three key summit participants for the first time. Israel ranked 23rd,

Egypt 27th and Jordan 41st. The report came from the Lausanne International Institute for Management Development and the Genevahased World Economic Forum — which bappens also to be organising the Amman

American private sector to

help Jordan develop econo-

American intellectual prop-

erty rights in the Kingdom.

He would not elaborate ex-

cept that he expected the

final drafts of the agreements

to be ready after the Oct.

Jordanian officials said the

U.S. was seeking simplified

bureaucracy and licensing,

higher incentives and tax

hreaks for American capital in Jordan. "They also want

stronger intellectual property

laws and strict enforcement

of the laws in Jordan." said

an official, who, like others

who confirmed the proposed

agreemment, did not want to

Jordan does not have

strong laws that protect intel-

described by experts as fall-

ing short of the minimum

level of internationally-

Officials at the ministries

of planning, finance and

trade and industry said Jor-

dan should not find it difficult

to extend the kind of protec-

tion sought by the U.S.,

given that there is a rising

awareness in the Kingdom of

accepted protection.

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29-31 MENA summit.

in the Kingdom.

Despite this, diplomats and

businessman have doubts abont what will be accomplished in the Oct. 29-31 summit, a follow-np to the largely political Casablanca summit a year ago.

Efforts by some organisers to discourage talk of immi-nent "deals" reflects fears of further discouraging Jordanians who expected quick rewards for ending a 46-year state of belligerency with Israel last year.

"People are not going to come with their cheque books," said one diplomat.

That could disappoint Jordanians and other participants drawing up long lists of projects they hope someone will agree to finance, either as aid or for profit.

There is a Jordanian gov

ernment list of 27 projects, assembled with Canadian guidance, that are regarded as among the most likely to

attract foreign interest.

That will be supplemented

by a government list of about 200 private sector projects, a list about the same size drawn up directly by the private sector, and the Jordan Rift Valley list that includes items such as a multi-billion dollar scheme for a canal linking the Red Sea and the Dead Sea.

Other countries will likely bring their own lists. Israeli. Jordanian, Egyptian and Palestinian officials discussed 10 regional projects this month, including a \$100 million road from Egypt across the Gaza Strip to the Israeli port of Ashdod.

Jordanian officials privately concede no negotiations are in progress on proposed projects, some of which have been mooted since the Casablanca meeting a year

They should have gone on the road to London, New York and other financial cen-

tres with these projects," said a diplomat. "You have to market this country like a

business. While the signing of contracts for projects looks unlikely, organisers sound determined to unveil a Middle East development bank.

But a formal announcement could leave fnndamental questions on structure, lending policy and membership unresolved.

Months of negotiations in capitals around the world have failed to solve a basic problem: Israel, the United States, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians want a bank almost everyone else is indifferent, sceptical, or opposed.

The European Union has been prominent in opposition, saying there are adequate lending bodies now withont creating a new bureaucracy. It proposed a smaller body to link those needing assistance with the appropriate agency.

Jordan, its hopes of hosting the proposed \$5 billion capital bank blocked by a U.S. agreement to put it in Egypt. has proposed both a bank in Cairo and the smaller body in Amman. That, other backers of the bank fear, could end up killing the entire idea.

Even among bank suppor-ters there are key differences. Egyptians, Palestinians and Jordanians want some money on easy terms. Washington demands all lending be at commercial rates.

"Having another institution will not actually do much if we don't have the projects that you can ask them to finance," Wasef Azar, managing director of Amman's Business Bank, told Reuters in dismissing the preoccupa-tion with the bank.

'I'm not aware of any positive or viable or commercially feasible project that did not

he said. "Financing for any good project is always available from anywhere in the world."

Some among the more than 1,000 guests expected at the summit — government and company representatives

— may be disappointed the
Middle East has not changed as much as they expected in the two years since Israel and the Palestinians signed their framework for peace.

those anxious not to repeat the inflated expectations of the past — often fed by leaders anxious to promote unpopular policies — is that the Amman summit is only part of a lengthy, difficult process. "The success of the summit

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will be measured by how well these people interact, get ideas on the table and follow up," said one foreign organis-'We can't make them sign

France puts austerity first in 1996 budget

PARIS (R) - The French government has approved an austere 1996 budget which will impose tough curbs on public spending in a drive to cut the public sector deficit and meet the conditions for European monetary union.

Finance Minister Jean Arthuis said the budget deficit would be cut by 10 per cent to just under 290 billion francs (\$56.9 billion) from 322 hillion francs (\$63.1 bil-

lion) this year.
The aim is to bring France's public finances into line with those of Germany, allowing the two to spear-head a drive for a single Enropean currency before the end of the century.

Prime Minister Alain Juppe told parliamentarians from his centre-right coalition that the deficit cuts should make possible a con-tinued fall in French interest

Mr. Juppe also set the bold objective of slashing the deficit of France's social secur-ity system, which funds public health care and basic retirement pensions, to zero in 1997 from a projected 60 billion francs (\$11.8 billion).

The Social Security Fund, comanaged by employers and trade unions, is separate from the central government budget.

The 1996 budget sets the seal on a policy established in a mini-hudget in June in which the government appointed by newly elected President Jacques Chirac gave priority to promoting iob creation and cutting the deficit over tax cuts.

The government has already raised value added tax by two points to 20.6 per cent and Mr. Juppe said a tax reform to be introduced next year would widen the net of earnings subject to income tax and the CSG welfare tax.

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FORECAST FOR SATUR-DAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroli Righter Astrological Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Your head is filled with .. ideas for the days ahead which can bring you greater success and later today you can make a definite plan. TAURUS: (April 20 to May

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ly ties just what they would like to accomplish today and then take time for amusements with close friends. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Carry through with regular routines in outside world today, then try to meet the

needs of kin. Take time to visit the sick. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Do whatever will add to the value of your possessions and property and

later study periodicals for more ideas. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your ideas are excellent this morning, so carry through with them and tonight you

can handle worldly affairs weil. VIRGO: (Angust 22 to September 22) You see this morning how to expand your talents so that you gain more later today, so come to right

decisions.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Contact as many good friends as you can and make dates when it is best to see them today, then devote yourself to the one you love. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Get those outside duties handled early this morning, then after lunch you get good results with

personal affairs. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Plan how to make your dreams materialise for today later this morning. Later this evening. get great results in practical

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Follow your hunches and they can bring good results in whatever means the most to you. Get shopping completed early today.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Fehruary 19) Being with friends who are known for their generosity is good this morning. Then do what they have suggested later today. PISCES: (Fehruary 20 to March 20) This morning is best spent planning for today. Later tonight, you can gain the cooperation of your

Birthstone of September: Sapphire — Lapis Lazuli

U.S. plan investment treaty

that foreign investment is closely tied with laws to pro-

tect copyrights, trade marks

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mically through investments in commercial ventures as property rights. They also noted that Jorwell as infrastructure services dan has applied to join the He said the Commerce De-World Trade Organisation. which stipulates strong propartment and the Jordanian government planned to enter tectionist measures for intela bilateral investment treaty. lectual property rights among and special protection for other things.

> U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown pointedly told Jordanian officials in his two visits here in 1994 and 1995 that Jordan needed to update its investment laws, relax customs barriers and offer high protection to intellectual property rights if il were to expect foreign investment.

The Jordanian Parliament this month endorsed an updated law on investment. offering high incentives and protection for foreign capital. A new companies law is also in the making.

The undertakings in the proposed Jordan-U.S. agreements will clear the way for the Overseas Private Investlectual property rights, and a draft legislation expected to be taken up by Parliament before the end of the year is ment Corporation (OPIC), an arm of the U.S. government, to extend partial capital as well as risk insurance for capital to American companies investing in Jordan in strictly private sector ventures.

> OPIC will give 25 per cent of the total capital to any private sector venture in which a U.S. firm holds 51 per cent of the equity. It will also provide insurance for up to 50 per cent of the U.S. equity against most

government-oriented risks. including appropriation by the state and non-

convertibility of currency.

Mr. Kalicki and Judith Barnett, senior advisor at the Commerce Department, told reporters they found keen interest among American' businesses to attend the MENA summit in Amman.

Coupled with Jordan giving high incentives and protection for American capital and rights, they said, the Kingdom should be in a strong position to attract investments from American

John Walker, another senior Commerce Department official, said he had been attending regular meet-ings in the U.S. on the MENA summit and had found very high interest among American businesses to explore the opportunities available in Jordan.

The number of firms wishing to attend the conference was so high that the Department of Commerce is under pressure to adopt a selective approach, given Jordan's logistic limitations, the U.S. officials said.

Dollar down but not out, Tokyo dealers say

TOKYO (R) — The dollar's dramatic overnight plunge, which briefly took it more than seven yer wn from a 15-month high at only days earlier, may appear dire, but was actually a natural if exaggerated coorrection, deal-

But while dealers foresee lasting gains in the longer term, they say the short term will be volatile and unpredictable,

"The dollar was basically forced up artificially, so there will be a fairly substantial correction. But if you consider the longer term, it will rise," Noriyuki Mizukami, chief dealer at Dresdner Bank A.G. in Tokyo, said Friday.

The dollar had partly recovered by Tokyo midday from its overnight fall, which saw it plumb the depths at 97.10 yen. It had touched 104.70 yen in both New York and Tokyo earlier this week, its highest level since June 1994. More ominons, dealers

said, was the greenback's

causes for the dollar's slide pean monetary unity, touched off by German Finance Minister Theo Waigel saying Italy would not qualify

as a member of a European continuing weakness against single currency at the intial European currencies, partistage, others disagreed. cularly the mark and the Actually, the market has Swiss franc. It hit a onerisen for nearly three months month low of 1.4090 marks without a correction, meanand touched 1.1300 Swiss ing that it was loaded with francs, its weakest against long positions that it had to shed sometime in creder to that currency since April. Its

yen on April 19. Massive bank of Japan (BOJ) intervention in early Friday trade, and supportive comments hy U.S. and Japanese officials, helped the dollar recover slightly. It stood at 100.57 yen, 1.4235 marks and 1,1373 swiss francs as of 0510 GMT.

low against the yen was 79.75

Although many in the market bave said one of the main were concerns about Euro-

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ment was only an excuse," said Manabu Nakagawa, mvestment banking director at Bank of Nova Scotia. He acknowledged that the

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BOJ's intervention seemed to have halted the dollar's slide for now, it added that little could be predicted until European and the New York trade began.

"You can definitely see the overnment's support for the ollar from today's intervention, but boosting the dollar

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginion

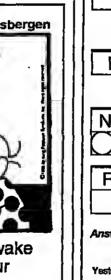


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of the importers of meat to pass 10,000 cartons of imported meat through tilegal means was foiled by the concerned authorities. The original invoice specified the quantity at 6,000 cartons hut the amount was inflated to 16,000 by making a handwritten forgery on the original invoice. The Ministry of Health expressed doubts about the quantity and informed the prosecutor of the Customs Department who immediately started investigations. The preliminary results showed that there was manipulation and forgery of official documents and, accordingly, the coocerned government departments are following up the matter to take the legal measures against the importer who has a record of cheating as pre-vious shipments of imported meat was found unfit for consumption. A meat shipment to Iraq arranged by this importer in the past was also found unfit and returned. Furthermore an associate of this importer was recently -caught at sea changing labels on meat packages and was taken to court to stand trial (Al Ra'i).

* * PRESSURE EX-ERTED hy public groups, professional associations, tribal leaders and Islamists in Irbid has prevented a luncheon that was scheduled to be held at Al Andalus restaurant in honour of Israeli Amhassador in Jordan. Dr. Shaher Khreis, the doctor of the Irhid Municipality slaughterhouse, and Mohammad Munther Bani Isa were the hosts for the party to which many guests were invited to attend. The Khreisat tribe denounced the act and said the man only represents himself. The owner of the restaurant issued an apology and said the decision was taken when he was out of town and opon his return he rejected holding the lunch at his restaurant (Al Ra'i).

** AN ADVERTISE-MENT appearing on the front page announces that the Arab Company for Manufacturing Sanitary Paper decided to stop production and sales as of Friday, Sept. 22, 1995, as a result of losses heing incurred for not floating the prices of second grade sanitary paper. The company said that the Ministry of Supply

sarted studying this issue from the beginning of April 1995 and had not yet finished n. The company demanded that prices of second grade sanitary paper be raised due to higher costs of raw materials which had increased threefold noting also that supplies were hard to find. The company pointed out that prices of most types of sanitary paper were floated and that first grade prices were floated since 1989. The company's general manager, Abdul Majeed Al Faouri, said in the announcement that all workers were on unpaid leave starting Sept. 22 until further notice (Al Ra'i).

★★ THE CABINET has approved raising the capital of the House Bank from JD 1g million to JD 25 million. The increase is to be covered by private subscription to old shareholders for JD 3.5 million, JD 2.75 million to be covered by the Jordan Investment Corporation and JD0.75 by the bank's employees provident fund (Al Ra'i).

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Time, Turner boards agree on

merger NEW YORK (R) — The boards of Timer Warner Inc. and Turner Boradcasting System Inc. (TBS), ending weeks of negotiations, said Friday they agreed on an \$8 billion merger that will from the world's largest entertainment company.

The two companies, whose husinesses range from Turner's Cahle News Network. professional sports teams and Hanna-Barbera cartoons to Time Warner's vast cable TV systems, publishing, music and movie operations, said they will merge through an exchange of stock that will be tax-free to both companies' stockholders.

The deal will form a media giant that they said would have had 1994 revenues of about \$19.8 billion.

Under terms of the deal, Torner chief Ted Turner will become vice chairman of Time Warner and head of the Time Warner video division, which will consist of all the husinesses of TBS. In addition, he will have supervisory responsibilities for the husinesses of the home box office cahle television unit.

Mr. Turner will also have the right to designate two Time Warner Inc. directors. one of whom will he himself.

The new company will surpass in size and scope the recently annouoced combination of Walt Disney Co. and Capital Cities/ABC Inc., a company that would have had 1994 revenues of about

That deal was viewed on Wall Street as a major force behind the lengthy and tor-tuous negotiations between Turner and Time Warner.

"It's a real positive," William Lefevre, a senior market analyst at Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum Inc., said of the positive outcome of the Time Warner-Turner talks. "It may take a while for this to gel but it makes Time Warner a much more interesting participant. It puts them in a position to better compete,"

"The complementary nature of the two organisations will allow us to maximise the value of our assets and distribution systems and position us as the leading media company in an increasingly competitive global market-place," Time Warner Chairman Gerald Levin said in a statement.

Dollar down but not out

(Continued from page 8) only against the yen is not going to do that much for its long-term strength." he

added, noting that concerted intervention by world central banks could well be neces-Dresdner's Mizukami agreed, but said the timing of such moves would be crucial.

"Interventioo tonight is possible, quite possible. But there are still a fair amount of loog positions out there, which might mean it is still too early." He added that both the Bundesbank and Federal Re-

serve appeared lukewarm ab-

out the idea of intervening

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Trading volume declined at the Ammao Financial Market (AFM) last week and prices slipped a little hat investors largely resisted offers as they awaited further developments in the economy, brokers said Fri-

Turnover for the week ending Thursday was JD 6.9 million, down from the previous week's JD 10.5 mil-The official AFM share

price index based on 60 ma-jor companies closed at 155.5 points, down 0.6 points, or 0.4 per cent from the week's

Services sector shares shed 1.8 points, or 1.4 per cent, industrials declined by 0.8 points or 0.6 per cent, insurance 0.5 points, or 0.4 per cent, and commercial banks

by 0.4 points, or 0.2 per cent,

the weekly AFM report said.

Commercial banks and ficancial iostitotions accounted for JD 3.3 million, or 47.8 per cent, of the weekvolume, followed by industrials with JD 2.5 million, or 36.2 per cent, services stocks with JD 900,000 dioars, or 13.1 per cent, and insurance stocks with JD

200,000, or 2.9 per ceot. The AFM report said 4.8

million shares changed under 3,668 contracts concluded during the week, with a daily average of JD 1.4 million compared with JD 2.1 million in the previous week.

Trading volume at AFM declines

Shares of 93 companies were traded during the week, with I3 companies closing with gains, 67 declining and 13 remaining unchanged.

AFM dealers said the week saw many individual specula-tors resisting offers as they awaited further government moves ahead of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit scheduled to be held here next mooth.

"The market had already

absorbed any pluses and minuses of the recent economy-related laws before they were endorsed by the government," said a dealer, who, like other AFM brok-

ers, cannot be identified by name. The dealer was referring to the endorsement last week of amendments to the income tax, sales tax and investment promotion laws that signalled changes in the government's economic poli-

"Now the market is waiting for further government moves ahead of the Amman

summit," said the dealer,

cies towards attracting invest-

adding that many in the market expected an upward trend to take hold in both turnover and prices.

In the meantime, the market has shed fears of a oegative fallout from a possible strain in ties with Iraq.

"The realisation has dawned on the market that the trade and economic relations between Jordan and Iraq are destined to remaio strong for some . time if only because of the interdepend-eoce of the two," said another dealer. As soch, added the dealer, ties with Iraq are "not necessarily a key factor affecting the mood

in the market."

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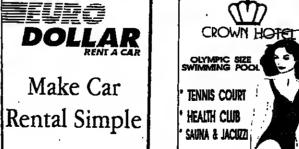
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MOSCOW (AP) - The apparent end of German tennis' cold war has given Russia a new Western alliance to worry about as the Davis Cup semifinals open Friday: Boris Becker and Michael Stich.

Even Yevgeny Kafelnikov. Russia's rising star and virtual one-man team, admits that the unlikely German partnership will he difficult to

The long-time rivals have patched their differences publicly, at least, and give Germany its best team ever as it seeks to avenge a 4-1 upset loss to to the Russians in last year's semifinal in Hamburg.

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Becker said in an interview Thursday. "Kafelnikov is an excellent player on clay, but he has all the pressures on his shoulders."

Germany gained a psychological edge in Thursday's draw when the fourth-ranked Becker, who skipped Davis Cup play last year, was paired against 59th-ranked Andrei Chesnokov in the

opening match. Kafelnikov will plby No. 12 Michael Stich in the other singles Friday. Becker and Stich will play Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy in Saturday's doubles, followed by the reverse singles on Sun-

day. The German players ex-

changed smiles when the favourable pairing was pulled out of an envelope at a hotel next to the indoor Olympic stadium.

"The first match is the most important match," Stich said afterward. "If we play well we definitely have an edge over the Russians with nesnokov.

The Russians reacted. stoically to the draw, looking straight ahead.

"It will be harder to win than last year in Hamburg because this time the Germans have Becker, who is able to beat any of us," Kafelnikov said. "But we're not about to be intimidated by them.

Becker and Stich have

hickered and fumed in the past in a bitter public battle to outdo each other in star status, fan support, pay and perks. Becker refused for a time to use Stich's first name, calling him simply "the play-er Stich," while Stich accused Becker of selfishness.

But now their prickly relations and Becker's disinclination to play every Davis Cup match have both heen smoothed over, with the help

of lucrative contracts. The two playfully jostled for position in front of photographers Thursday, and team captain Nikki Pilic spoke of the "great harmony" on his once dissension-riddled

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football together in training and play cards together in the evening, I know that the situation on the German team is very good, very friendly," he said.

Russian hopes of advancing to the final again lie with Kafelnikov, and with the clay surface that was installed with the intention of neutralising the booming German serves. Chesnokov beat Becker the last time they played on that surface, in 1993, although Becker has won four of their other five meetings overall.

Barring an upset by Ches-nokov, Kafelnikov may need to win all three of his matches as he did a year ago to keep alive Russia's quest for its first Davis Cup title. Sweden won last year's final in Mos-

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Rules of cricket translated into Chinese

BELJING (R) - The 2,000year treasure house of Chinese literature gained an additional gem - the first translation of the rules of cricket into the language.

The translation appeared in the programme for the second Beijing International Cricket Sixes, and is the work of former Chinese hockey international Bruce Wang Xiaodong. Wang developed his in-

terest in the game during three years in Sydney from 1990, and now plays for the Australian Embassy team in Beijing.
"I want to popularise the

game in China," said Wang in a thick Sydney Twang. "When I played the first time, I did not know the rules, I just tried to hit the ball hard. It was fun."

Behind him, a few Chinese watched demused at the Indian and Pakistani teams in action on a field usually used for soccer.

Working at a trading firm in Sydney, Wang became a proficient opening hatsman and medium-pace bowler with the Waverley Club and hrought his love of the game back to China. "I think cricket can catch

on in China but a lot depends on the attitude of local officials," he said.

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when I asked them, they said cricket was not an Olympic sport and that they did not want a national

The competition was the brainchild of British husinessman Tony Fisher, who sees China following the example of Japan. which had no cricket until 1978 but now has nine universities playing and is ading one new club a year.

A Japanese team played in the competition which was won by a British team who heat the Hong Kong

"I am keen to bring Chinese into the game and to add China to the list of cricket-playing nations." Fisher said. "For Chinese, there is no problem physically and the mental strategy of it should appeal to them.

Wang and Fisher will accompany two senior Chinese sports officials to Hong Kong to see the Hong Kong Professional Cricket Sixes tournament on September 30. Chinese officials invited to attend the competition did not show up, for reasons that were not immediately clear.

China has no local cricket team. All 10 teams in the tournament were foreigners, including sides from Hong Kong and South Korea and Beijing expatriates from Australia, Britain, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

They played on a special artificial pitch costing \$1,600 and flown to Beijing from New Zealand.

"I do not understand the rules," said one Chinese student. "But I think we could learn. It looks much like basehall." "Chinese are willing to

try new sports. There are now three universities play-

ing rugby, a new game in China," he said. In Chinese, rugby is cal-led "olive ball" while cricket is called "board ball" in the mainland and "woodball" in Hong Kong, where cocket has a long history.

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East taken by the king, and the ace of spades confirmed the bad break. Declarer ruffed a heart, returned to hond with the nine of diomonds and ruffed another heart. All these maneuvers went for naught. West a trumps prevented the diamonds from running, so declarer tried the club linesse. When the failed. 11 tricks were the most South could amass.

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With careful timing, the contract can be made. All declarer has to do is ollow East's queen of spades to win the first round of trumps.

Suppose East finds the best defense of a club shift. Declarer risee with the occ, ruffs a heart, relurns to bond with the nine of diamonds and ruffs another heart. Now declarer can draw three more rounds of trumps, exhausting West of spades, and score, in all, three trump tricks, one heart and two heart ruffs, five diamonds and a club.

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Should South play the same way at duplicate? You bel. There's no reason not to respect that queen of trumps at trick two, and any successful slam is usually worth o bushel of matchpoints.

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British Formula One driver Damon Hill Friday waits in his Williams Renault while a mechanic adjusts his mirror during a practice session at Estoril, Portugal, race track (Reuters photo)

Hill takes provision pole

ESTÖRIL, Portugal (AP) — Wilhams-Renault's redesigned FW17B racer dominated Friday's qualifying for the Portuguese Grand Prix, putting Damon Hill on the provision pole and teammate

David Coulthard beside him. Hilf came out of the pits just three minutes before the end of timed session to complete a lap on the 4.360kilometre Estoril circuit in 1 minute, 21,322 seconds.

Hill was 0.101 of a second faster than fellow Briton Coulthard and 0.563 seconds quicker than the Benetton-Renault of German arch-nival Michael Schumacher.

Schumacher leads Hill by 15 points (66-51) with five races remaining, including Sunday's. Both though are under suspended bans for previous dangerous driving Austria's Gerhard Berger

was fourth Friday in his Ferrani, running a 1:22.281 lap, just ahead of French teammate Jean Alesi (1:22.656). Britain's Eddie Irvine was sixth io the first Jordan

(1:22.957), ahead of Finn Mika Hakkinen, who after leading the morning practice settled- for seventh in-

Brazilian Rubens Barrichello was eighth in the other Jordan (1:23.402), which resigned both Barrichello and Irvine for next

year earlier this week. Trying to squeeze more speed out of their car, the Williams team reworked the FW17B's diffuser, reshaped the rear to better aerodynamics and installed a new

"I think today we saw the William-Renault package is working well and the Benetton didn't seem to be as promising but I'm not countng my chickens," Hill said. Reliability could be a key

question Sunday over the bumpy, demanding Estoril The updated Williams has been posting impressive times since testing this month

at Silverstone, but Benetton's

Technical Director Ross

Brawn expects Schumacher's

car to be more dependable. "Reliability is important, but they are behind and have got to be more prepared to take a risk," Brawn said. "It's a new transmission and they baven't done a race dis-

So far this season, Schumacher has dropped out only once because of technical failure, last month in Hungary.

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Kasparov, Anand draw 7th game

on 20 draws."

NEW YORK (AP) — The seventh game of the professional Chess Association World Championship hetween challenger Viswanathan Anand and titleholder Garry Kasparov ended in a draw Thursday after less than two hours

of play. It was the seventh consecutive deadlock since the match began Sept. 10. The conservative play has come as a surprise because both players had heen known for employing fear-

less, attacking styles.
"For outsiders, it's boring, and for insiders, it's frustrating," said Spanish chess journalist Leontxo Garcia, referring to the succession of draws.

Perhaps recognising the early finish was a letdown for spectators, Kasparov took the unusual step of coming out of the soundproof booth where the game was played to address several hundred audience members.

"Everyhody is disappointed, of course," said Kasparov, who has held the title since 1985. "Any mistake can be a decisive one. The pressure will increase with each game, and I wouldn't bet

The seven consecutive draws at the opening of a match equals the record played in a bitter 1978 title duel between then-world champion Anatoly Karpov and challenger Viktor Korchnoi. In that match, Karpov hroke through in the eight game and went

on to retain the title. With Anand playing with the advantage of the white pieces, the two men made the first 18 moves in less than 20 minutes — a frenetic pace.

With Kasparov playing his favourite Sicilian defence, the moves mirrored their fifth game, played Monday. But on the 15th move, Anand departed from the earlier script.

On his 16th move, Anand thrust forward in the centre of the hoard. opening lines against Kasparov's king. On the 22nd move, Anand won a pawn in the centre, but Kasparov was able to trade pieces and win hack a pawn on the queen's side.

After winning the pawn on the 25th move, Kasparov offered a draw, which Anand accepted immediately.

In a short news conference, Kasparov, 32, of Russia, said that his work as director of the chess association prior to the match may be partially responsible for his slow

"I think 1'm slowing coming to my normal shape," Kasparov said, refusing to blame Anand, 25, of India. "There's too much at stake. You can't blame opponents for avoiding additional risk."

The eighth game is scheduled for Friday, with

Kasparov playing white.
The score in the match is tied 3½ to 3½, with each player receiving a half-point for a draw.

The first player to score 10.5 points in the 20-game match games wins the tournament. A win is worth one point.

In the event of a 10-10 tie, Kasparov retains his title. The winner gets \$1,00,000, while the loser takes home \$500,000.



Challenger Viswanathan Anand of India (left) makes a move against champion Garry Kas-parov of Russia in the 7th game of the best of

20 game World Chess Championship at the World Trade Centre in New York (Renters

Al Ahli reaches semi-finals of basketball championship

By Adnan Naghway Special to the Jordan Times

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Jordan's Ahli Basketball Club has reached the semi-finals of the Sixth Asian Basketball Championship in Kuala Lumpur baving beaten China's Liaoning Club 87-81 in

the quarter-round.
The Ahli-Liaoping match was the Jordanian team's most exciting match of the tournament, the score swinging pendulum-like between the two teams. It was in the final 40 seconds that Al Ahli Club clinched the victory by scoring five

points. The last-minute breakthrough was attributed to Al Ahli's playmaker Faisal

Nsour who closed in on the free-zone area to score two points and then dunked a free throw.

Al Ahli's achievement is to be commended especially as the Liaoning Club was one of the teams favourite to win the Asian tourna-

The Ahli delegation put the team's success down to the "unprecedented efforts" exerted by all team members, particularly rival Nsour, Nasser Bushnaq and Marwan Matoule. The excitement of the match was shared by enthusiastic spectators who encouraged Al Ahli to the end.

To reach the semi-finals Al Ahli played four matches, winning two and losing two. Their score chart so

far reads: Taipei vs. Ahli (98-86), Ahli vs. Iran (70-62), the Philippines vs. Ahli (86-80) and Ahli vs.

Liaoning, China (87-81).
Al Ahli's semi-final match will pitch them against Malaysia's Petronas Club this evening. The other semi-final will be fought between South

Korea and the Philippines. The winners of their respective games will go ahead to the championship's finals on Sun-

Al Ahli's squad line-up is: Yousef Zagbloul, Ramez Hamoudeh, Marwan Saiedi, Rivad Ayesh, Walid Badran, Wisam Nino, Faisal Nsour, Nasser Busbnaq and Marwan

Unity' games polarise Africans

HARARE (R) — The All African Games drawing to a close in Zimbabwe were supposed to promote unity but have been marked by repe-ated rows polarising black Africans and their Arab

neighbours.
"In general, North Africans don't want to accept defeat and always think they are superior to black Africa," said an official in the Nigerian squad, Olatunde Fakuade. Fakuade was speaking af-

ter one of the many heated exchanges between teams from North Africa and black Africa, some of which have come to blows, In this case it was a vol-

leyball game between Nigeria and Algeria which degenerated into a shoving match. Sporting conduct snnk to a new low in the soccer match between Algeria and Guinea which ended with players forming groups to attack opponents and the referee on

the pitch. Police with dogs restored order after the fracas which led to an Algerian player receiving a one-year ban.
Other incidents have in-

cluded allegations by black African teams that North Africans bribed the tackwondo judges and an off-court brawl between women handball players from Zimbabwe

and Egypt.
The divide between North Africa and the rest of the continent is clear in the loyalties of Zimbabwean specta-

tors, who vociferously sur port any black African side that comes up against Libya,

Tunisia, Algeria or Egypt. North African officials bave proved reluctant to speak to journalists and have made no comment about the

But Egypt has been at the centre of a series of controversies at the games, many involving South Africa.

The disputes have ranged from the petty — an official protest that the lace sleeves worn by a South African woman gymnast were too sexy - to the more ugly insinuation that South African boxers had AIDS.

Egypt's boxing delegation submitted a written apology for the AIDS insinuation.

Maradona keen to play S. Korea

SEOUL (R) — Former Argenti-na captain Diego Maradona, who ends his 15-month drugs ban next week, said on Friday he was ready and fit to play against South Korea.

T was not on a break for 15 months: For those months, I. have been continuously training,": Maradona told reporters at

a news conference. "I believe I am physically fit right now," he said.

10 victory in the World Cup in 1986, is now with Boca Juniors who are scheduled to play the South Korean national team on

Maradona was banned from playing for 15 months, after he failed a dope lest during last year's World Cup finals in America. The ban expires on Septem-

The player, who earlier this

week announced the creation of

a world footballers' union, said South Korea was better placed than Japan for hosting of the 2002 World Cup.

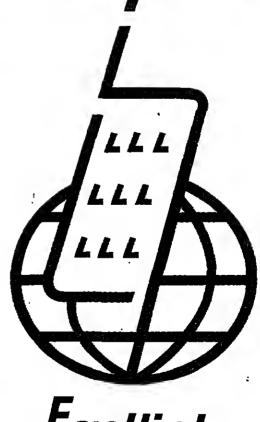
"Looking at tradition and history, South Korea has the advantage. But Japan is an economic power and also has a great influence in FIFA," he said.

South Korea and Japan are in a fierce competition to win the right to host the 2002 World









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Settlers shoot Hebron boy and trigger clash

HEBRON, Occupied West
Bank (Agencies) — A
Palestiman said Jewish setspokesman who lives in the tlers shot him in the legs on Friday in the West Bank city

After the shooting, dozens of Palestinians threw stones at Israell soldiers in the city, which has been at the centre of Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) talks on wider self-rule in the West

In another incident, unidentified gunmen shot at an Israeli army checkpoint near the PLO-ruled Jericho enclave, causing no casualties, the army and Palestinian

Ziad Zayad Al Jabari, 18, told Reuters from his hospital bed in Hebron that settlers approached his home and shot him in both legs when he walked away.

Settler leaders were not available for comment and the Israeli army said it was checking the report.

Around 400 Israeli settlers

live among 120,000 Palestinians in Hebron. Control over security in Hebron has been a main stumbling block to an agreement on Israeli troop rede-ployment in the West Bank

Aharon Domb, a settler spokesman who lives in the Kiryat Arba settlement in Hebron, warned that Israel's

agreement to withdraw its troops from much of Hebron would lead to bloodshed. "I am talking about civil war hetween Jews and Arabs," said Mr. Domh, speaking before news spread

of the wounding of Jabari. The government is pushing us towards this.' In the Jericho incident, shots were fired from a car as it approached the checkpoint from the direction of the town, which came under selfrule last year under the terms

The army said the car turned back after the shooting and sped off in the direction of Jericho. The army sealed off the Palestinian

of a 1993 Israel-PLO peace

Palestinian police arrested one man in connection with the shooting, Palestinian sources said.

An Israeh soldier shot and seriously wounded a Palestinian trying to kidnap him

Thursday, police said. The soldier was lightly injured in the struggle and was taken to a hospital in Haifa for treatment, police said.
The wounded Palestinian was detained and security forces were looking for the second Arab who fied in a car, the army said.

Militants rounded up

Palestinian police have arrested dozens of members nf Islamie Jihad after claims the group was preparing a car bombing against Israel, a

newspaper said Friday.
The Jihad's weekly Al Istiqlal said the swoop began Wednesday after Israel sealed off the autonomous Gaza Gaza police refused tn

comment. The army said the closure. which prevents 13,000

Gazans from reaching their workplaces in Israel, would last until further notice. Dozens of Israelis have died in suicide bombings over the last two years by extremists trying to wreck the peace

omy deal. The army last sealed off the territory in July following intelligence reports that militants on the Strip were preparing a spectacular suicide bombing in the heart of Tel

process and the PLO's auton-

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Japanese Amhassador Takayuki Kimura, UNRWA Commissinner-General liter Turkmen and other officials at a school which was inaugurated by the Crnwn Prince at Baqaa camp on

Turkmen ends visit after opening of Baqaa school

Concept of comprehensive security includes social security in all dimensions, Prince says

By Ghalia Alul Special to the Jordan Times

commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), liter Turkmen, left Amman for the West Bank Friday after a three-day visit to the Kingdom during which he held talks with Jordanian officials about the agency's operations

During the visit, Mr. Turk-men also attended the opening of a new school in Baqaa refugee camp on Thursday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Addressing the opening

eeremony. Prince Hassan stressed the necessity of adopting a comprehensive approach in dealing with refugees and populatinn issues in the reginn, warning of the negative consequences of the failure to adopt such an

"The permanent Jordanian perception of comprehensive security... includes social security in all its dimensions," said Prince Hassan, adding that any disturbance in the social fabric will leave a negative impact "on all of us and on our enlightened experience.

"(When we speak about refugees), we are not speak-

ing about a foreign community," said Prince Hassan. stressing that Jurdan had always worked towards achieving deeper integration between "the muhajereen (Palestinians) and the ansar (East Bankers in Jordan).

Prince Hassan added that the philosophy of the Jordanian government has been centred on consolidating integration between Jordanians and Palestinians.

"The philosophy of Jordanian regime has always been centred on consolidating integration between (Jordanians and Palestinians), We

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Libya allows return of stranded Palestinians Palestinians.

SALLOUM, Egypt (Agencies) — Libya has authorised the return of some 150 expelled Palestinians trapped in a no-man's land on the Egyp-tian border for the last three weeks, officials at this border post said Friday.

But only seven Palesti-nians, four of them students. took up the offer on Thursday and the rest are refusing on the grounds that they have no employment or homes to return to in Lihya.

There is no other solution for them but to return to that country hut they must have guarantees of being able to find jobs and homes," said Mohammad Soheih, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) representa-tive to the Arah League in

Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammad Saleh Demhri said Lihya's Minister of Arah Unity Jomaa Al Fezzani assured him when they met at an Arah League meeting in Cairo last week that Tripoli had stopped expelling

Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi decided at the start of September to expel the 30,000 Palestinians living in the country to show up what he called the failure of the PLO's autonomy deal with

But the move whipped up a storm of protest in other Arah countries and Lebanon refused to accommodate a mass return of Palestinians with Lehanese travel documents, slapping visa restric-

Egypt will let through only those few who can obtain Israeli permits to enter the self-rule areas of Gaza and the West Bank town of

Essam Abdul Rahman, a the border for the last six weeks, told Reuters he was living in the shell of a crashed

Zuheih Ahdul Rahman Hassan said he had to beg fnr food, water and cigarettes from passing travellers.

Euro-MPs push EU to support

UAE maid STRASBOURG (R) — The European Parliament hopes to increase pressure for leniency towards condemned Filipina maid Sarah Blabagan with a call European Union government action, Euro-MP Hedy D'Ancoua said on Fri-

"We really hope governments will support our re-solution," she said in reference to the EU assembly's Thursday vote in support of Ms. Balabagan, who faces execution in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the premediated murder of her em-Dloyer Almas Mohammad Al Baloushi.

claim that she stabbed him 34 times in self-defence.

Dutch Socialist D'Ancona, who lead the list of Europe-MPs pushing for EU govern-ment action, said she had been deeply shocked by the Sept. 16 decision by the UAE.

World Court refuses to consider ban against French nuclear tests

THE HAGUE (Agencies) — The World Court refused Fri-day to even consider banning French nuclear testing in the Zealand's claims that the hlasts risk radioactive catas-

In its ruling, the U.N. court declined to reopen a 1973 case in which New Zealand sought a ban on French nuclear testing in the atmosphere. The court dropped that case in 1974 when France announced it would switch to underground testing.

On Friday, the court said the 1973 case could not be reopened hecause atmospheric testing was no longer the issue. The court also refused to order a provisional han nn testing sought hy New Zealand.

"The court, by 12 votes tothree, finds that (New Zealand's) request for an examination inf the situation does not fall within the provisions (of the 1974 ruling) and must consequently be dismissed," Presiding Judge Mohammad Bedjaoui said.

At hearings on Sept. 11 and 12, held to determine whether there were grounds for such a review, France accused New Zealand of misusing the court as a forum for political protest and rejected claims that its tests

NEW DELHI (R) — Fever-

ish Hindu faithful around the

globe converged on temples

on Friday as word spread that

stone idols in India were

drinking sacred milk offer-

ings.
From Long Island to London and Hong Kong to New Delhi, thousands of worship-

pers and the merely curious

thronged temples hoping to

witness what Indians were

The frenzy started early on

calling the "milk miracale."

threatened the environment. "It's a pity," said New tinue to oppose the testing, which resumed Sept. 5 nnder Mururoa atoll in French

Polynesia. French spokesman Marc de Brichambaut said New Zealand's satisfactinn from the court came in having the chance to voice its concerns. We got a satisfaction in that we got our legal grnunds" to reject the appeal, he added. New Zealand had asked France to stop testing until the effects of the explosions

could be studied. However, French President Jacques Chirac has remained adamant about continuing with the tests, scheduled to end in May 1996. The tests, Mr. Chirac has said, will be France's last before signing a comprehensive test han treaty.

But in light of the unexpected violence of antinuclear protesters, France also has said the number of hlasts may be cut from eight

The tests have provnked international protest, rioting in the French Polynesian capital Papeete and revival of the independence movement in French-ruled Tahiti.

Even if the 15-judge court had decided to reopen the Zealand representative case, France likely would Donald McKay, who added have continued a boycott of the pacific states would continue the case it began in 1973 to protest what it considered an infringement of its national sovereignty.

The high-profile proceedings have allowed New Zealand a prestigious pulpit from which to preach against France its longstanding antinuclear creed. However, the court, formally known as the International Court of Justice, has no enforcement powers.

New Zealand went to the court in August to ask for an emergency han on French tests until it could present evidence it claims shows their catastrophie threat tn the Pacifie eco-system. Such an emergency han

was imposed by the court in 1973, hut France ignored it. This time, it was denied. New Zealand's attorney general, Paul East, argued last week that international law now demands that France carry out a detailed environmental impact assessment be-

fore any testing. New Zealand claimed that the substructure of Mururoa atoll has been so damaged by two decades of test hlasts that further testing posed "grave environmental risks."

Iranian hijacker remanded in Israeli custody

EILAT, Israel (AP) — The Iranian flight attendant whn hijacked a passenger plane with 175 people aboard to Israel was desperate to flee Iran's repressive gnvernment, he said Thursday. "I believe the penple of Iran dn not deserve to be in such an oppressed situation," said Reza Jabari, 29. "I wanted to make it public and announce it to the world. "I had no intention of

harming the passengers or the crew," Mr. Jahari told the AP through a translator.
Iran, meanwhile, stepped up its accusation that Israel had colluded with the hijacker from the start.

Mr. Jahari, an officer in the Iranian army, appeared Thursday in Eilat magistrate's court, where Judge Shlomo Bar Eli ruled he could be held for up to 15 days while authorities investigated him on charges of air piracy, hijacking, weapons possession and infiltration.

The plane was returned to Tehran on Wednesday with 174 passengers and crew, including passengers who witnesses said had asked for asylum.

Israeli authorities never said why asylum was denied and never identified the five who reportedly requested it. Although there was some concern that Iran could punish those who asked to stay in Israel, the authorities apparently thought it would

be too hard to pinpoint those who did not want to return. Israel's decision also may have been a desire not to invite further complicates with Iran.

Iran's parliament speaker, Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri, was quoted on state-run Tehran Radio as saying that the delay in returning the plane and the refusal to extradite the hi-jacker demonstrated "the Zionist regime's terrorist na-

He protested Israel's interrogation of the passengers. The captain of the plane, whose name was not given, gested in a radio interviev that the Israelis had advance knowledge of the hijacker's arrival, noting the flight attendant "immediately decided on going to Israel. which was strange to me."

"As soon as we landed there he got off and ran towards people who' were either waiting for him or were waiting to surround the plane," he said. The captain said a U.S.-

made C-130 Hercules transport plane arrived at the Israeli air hase after the Iranian plane landed there. "They told us it was bring-

ing journalists," he said.
"But the speed with which things were expedited appeared that it was carrying someone else, and that it was all planned that we would go there.'

· Witnesses said the C-130 hrought in an elite commando unit and equipment. Mr. Jabari denied having any contact with Israel before the hijacking, but said he had intended from the ontset to reach the Jewish state.

"The fuel the plane was carrying was not sufficient to carry me to annther safe place," Mr. Jabari said.

Pisa's leaning tower has stabilised

PISA, Italy (AP) - The leaning tower of Pisa has stopped its leaning, for the moment. Some 780 tonnes of lead placed at the hase as a counterweight have halted the tower's tilting, according to measurements released by the University of Pisa. An additional 180 tonnes of lead were added in the last week to the already existing 600 tonnes that have been placed on the tower's non-leaning side since 1993. The counterweight has helped reverse the inclination of the tower, said Antonio Lazzarini, director of Pisa's Historic Society and expen on the tower. Mr. Lazzarini said the measurements show the 54-metre (180foot) tower, has now reached equilibrium and is still. "But the lead counterweights can't hold it forever, and the tower will probahly start moving again in four or five months," Mr. Lazzarini added. The measurements were taken by two university professors who have been measuring the tower's leanings every three months for four decades. The tower, begun in 1173, began to tilt almost immediately after it was completed as the ground shifted underneath, It leans some 13 feet (4 metres) off the perpendicu-

Hanoi Opera to close for renovation

HANOI (AFP) - Hanoi Opera House, an imposing colonial building styled on the Paris Opera, will close for renovation at the end of the month, the Ministry of Culture and Information said Friday. The 156-million-dong (\$15-million) restoration, approved in June hy Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet, will take until the end of 1997, when Hanoi will host a summit of Francophone heads of government, Vice Minister of Culture Vu Khac Lien said. The opera, built in 1889 and opened in 1911, has been used as a municipal theatre, but over the past 40 years water infiltration has damaged its structure and fittings. Once renovated, it will be the most modem and best equipped in Vietnam and a French company, H and H Architecture Urbanisme. will help preserve the building's graceful colonial style, the minister said. Work will start in November and be supervised hy Hanoi's General Construction Company.

\$9 m missing, but rock star never noticed LONDON (AP) - Going

from unemployed school-

teacher to rock star was

hard to handle, so Sting

told a court that he sought help from an acquaintance - who embezzled him. Accountant Keith Moore siphoned £6 million (\$9.3 million) from Sting's bank accounts over years, but Sting testified Southwark Crown Court that he didn't notice the loss until an anonymous writer tipped him off. In the early days, "I spent some time on national assistance, which was about £6 (\$32) a week." said Sting, referred to in court by his real name of Gordon Matthew Sumner By 1977 - only two years after starting the chart-top ping band Police - that shot up to "many hundreds of thousands a year." "I certainly was not qualified to really understand the complexity or control the complexity," Sting said. "l needed an accountant." A friend recommended Moore, who was Sting's accountant from 1977 until 1992. In between, millions poured in for Sting from all over the globe. Even when he became more involved in the business end of his career, he did not have the time to elosely supervise his accounts, Sting said.

ANZ Grindlays expects high trade, investment in Jordan, seeks a key role ANZ GRINDLAYS, one

of the strongest international banking institutions, is taking a very keen interest in Jordan since it realises that there is a high potential of trade and investments in the Kingdom, says its international executive director, Alister Maitland. The role that ANZ

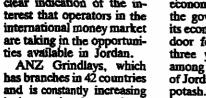
Grindlays could play in Jor-dan's moves in the international banking scene was exemplified when it leadmanaged the issue of Jordamian bonds worth \$50 million in the European market this month, Mr. Maitland tald reporters an

The issue was closed as soon as it was launched on Sept. 14 since the bonds were pre-marketed by ANZ Grindlay's international branches, said Mr. Maitland, correcting a report in the local press that the issue was "oversubscribed."

"We received a good number of inquiries whether any more of the bonds were available after we actually met the target," said Mr. Maitland. The government of Jordan de-cided not to go beyond the pre-set target of \$50 million in bonds, and hence potential buyers were advised that the seven-year papers were no longer available.

At the same time, Mr. Maitland said, the success of pre-marketing is a very clear indication of the interest that operators in the are taking in the opportunities available in Jordan.

its international operations,





Alister Maltland

believes that it can play a very effective role in the new trade and investment opportunities available in Jordan, said Mr. Maitland, who was visiting Jordan to mark the 70th anniversary of the bank in Jordan.

"We have noticed that Jordan's exports in the first eight months of this year have gone up by 20 per cent when compared with the corresponding period of 1994," said Mr. Maitland. "It is very encouraging. We hope to help and benefit from the increasing Jordaman exports," given that ANZ Grindlays has a strong presence in most of the countries which import

Jordanian products. For instance, he said, ANZ Grindlays accounts for 50 per cent of all foreign financing needs of India, which has emerged as an economic powerhouse after the government liberalised its economy and opened the door for foreign investors three years ago. India is among the largest importers of Jordanian phosphate and

years and enjoys a reputa-tion as one of the Austra-ha's leading and most in-fluential figures on economic matters related to banking and financing, paid tribute to Jordan's econo-

mic performance. It is impressive that the Kingdom is maintaining an annual economie growth rate of nearly six per cent while retaining inflation around four per cent, he

ANZ Grindlays also sees as highly positive the "package of measures" that the Central Bank has adopted in liberalising the banking sector and reducing the tariffs on commer-

cial banks, he said. The relaxatinn of controls and other measures that accompanies it are a very significant achievement for the Jordanian econnmy," said Mr. Maitland. Liberalisation of banking regulations and restrictions facilitates the flow of trade and investment."

ANZ Grindlays has opened a branch in Nablus in the West Bank and seeks to expand its operations in the Palestinian territories by opening more branches but is retaining its options to do so after an initial phase of getting closely familiarised with the features and needs of that market, Mr. Maitland said.

He rejected suggestions that ANZ Grindlays was "not meeting the credit re-quirements" of its West Bank clientele and said that the bank was following prudent policies that take into account the realities on the

Bnt by Friday the fever had abated in India, though devotees were reported to be continuing to feed milk to the goods.

"It cannot be a hoax," said business executive Parmesh Soti. "Where would all that milk go?"

lowed hy the statue of "It is a miracle," said Sri-Ganesh poised on top.

Indian scientists said the kant Ravi, the priest at Delhi's Hanuman Temple. "The marvel was mass delusion, gods have come down to explained by elementary phyearth to solve all our probsics. "It may be a politically

marukku, head of the Indian Thursday with wildfire Rationalist Society, said. rumours that idols of the Hindu god Shiva, his consort The Pioneer newspaper carried a photograph of a Parvati and their son, the man collecting milk in a portly elephant-headed. Ganesh, were sipping tradibucket placed under a spout tional milk offerings in Delhi. leading out of the back of a Delhi temple.

Word quickly spread through But the excitement quickly spread across borders. Hun-Indian offices and homes dreds of Hindus flocked to a were abuzz as even welltemple in London's Southall heeled businessmen, politidistrict as word spread cians and journalists dropped through the capital's large what they were doing to join

One Delhi resident claimed the milk in his refrigerator had vanished, swal-

appeared. In Indonesia, honsewife Ritu Garg said she and her motivated stunt," Sanal Eda-

> urging Ganesh to finish his milk, just as I tell them to finish theirs," she said.

ethnic Indians along with Buddhist Thais rushed to a Hindu temple." If you have faith, you can see it with your own eyes," an ethnic Chinese woman said.

'Milk miracle' frenzy spreads around globe Hundreds of Bangladeshis Indian community. "I held the spoon out level, nad it just disappeared," said Anila Premji. "To me, it was just a miracle. It gave me a sense of feeling that there is a

> On Long Island and in New Jersey in eastern United States, devotees said Hindu deities were swallowing milk. One worshipper told the Press Trust of India he had kept a sauccer of milk in front of idols in his home. The milk, he said, had dis-

two children were left speechless when her family's small silver idol of Ganesh, god of good luck and wealth, began drinking.
"My two children were

In Bangkok, hundreds of

flocked to a home in the country's southwest after hearing that a hrass-made statute of the diety Gopal Thakur had taken in milk. In Hong Kong, hame to mare than 20,000 Indians. thnusands nf Hindus joined in the rite. Scientists in India rehunk-

ed talk of a miracle. "An organised conspiracy is behind such reports, to work up popular religious senti-ments." said Sudip Bhattacharya, head of the Paschimbanga Vigyan Mancha, a rationalists' forum,

Scientists said simple physics had an explanation. Liquids like milk can appear to be absorbed ioto stone but actually molecules in the rough surface create a "capillary channel" that sucks in droplets which then spread in a thin layer.

"It is difficult to spot the thin layer, especially if the marble is white," physicist V. Das Bangia said. But it can be deter if the marble is